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CELEBRATES FOUNDER'S DAY AT M. I. COLLEGE

Committee Of 100 Annual Session

Big Meeting Expected In Jackson By Prof. J. E. Johnson

State Chairman, J. E. Johnson has announced the Annual Meeting of the Committee of One Hundred to be held in Jackson, Saturday, February 22, day and night sessions will be held beginning at ten o'clock and closing at 9:30 P.M.

This is a Civic organization and gives opportunity for all the people to express themselves. It believes the right to petition those in authority for the things that make for good and which are ours by right will never be denied us.

Because of the National Defense and other unprecedented situations, the Chairman is urging every County in the State to send a full representation.

NOTARY

Mr. T J Young of 1906-12th Avenue, Meridian, is now qualified as a Notary Public with his authority from Governor Paul B Johnson of the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Young is local presidest of HBA No. 461. He has a growing and prosperous lodge. He wants his many, many friends to know that he will be available for Notary work. His office will be located in the HBA Building.

Reelected

W. H. Bell Alcorn A. M.

Beauty Parlor Chats

By Rev. Mrs. L. B Williams

Good morning, friends, who read the Weekly Echo!

Since I am the Social Editor of your paper and I have a Beauty Parlor where girls and women visit for all kinds of hair work and where they really socialize and express themselves I thought I would let you listen in on some of the chats.

HERE WE go. I expressed myself as celebrating my 31 years of married life. This brought about much discussion, since there were several ladies present. One said, "Oh, Sister Williams, you must be pretty old?" My answer was: "I have seen plenty winters." Another asked, "Well, what keeps you looking as young as you do?" My reply was: "The Lord is keeping me and He is walking with me daily."

"Well, what about gray hair." Oh well, I don't entertain them and they just don't visit me for I don't have any fixing to turn gray.

Another asked, "Do you ever quarrel or have you during your married life? This brought about a great laugh. My answer was: "Most all women like to quarrel. Don't quarrel so others will hear what you say. Close the door, you can make up. If you "air" your domestic affairs to the public it will kill your influence as a leader.

Second, It's good to have family prayer at breakfast table and "keep smiling". "keep sweet" and to the wives, I say look as young as you can. Don't grow old in looks. Keep courting your husband and live close to the Lord and keep the "home fire burning". Live to a golden anniversary. The lamented late Prof. G. M. Reese said at my silver anniversary six years ago, "It is not that we have had a sweet sail, but it is this: we have stuck," and I add "still put," and I shall add, keep smiling

ABOUT FOLK WE KNOW

Mrs. Anna Graham spent the week-end at her home in Carson, Mississippi, last week.

Mr. George Wilson of Toomsuba, Miss., was in the H. B. A. office Saturday on business pertaining to his local lodge.

Mr. Alex McMillion, president of H. B. A. No. 477, Rose Hill, Miss., was in the city Saturday. He was accompanied by one of his brothers.

Reverand A. R. Clayton, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church is in Rush Infirmary, critically ill, suffering with double pneumonia.

Mr. Levi Hearn and son of Quitman, were in the H. B. A. office last week on business.

The first quarterly conference of the South Side Charge was held Thursday of last week at St. Elizabeth Methodist Church, with Reverend F. P. Leonard, District Supt., in charge.

Mr. Floyd Ott of Toomsuba, Miss., President of H. B. A. 21, was in the H. B. A. office Monday on business.

Mr. George Andrews, President of H. B. A. No. 378, Waynesboro, was in the H. B. A. office Tuesday on business pertaining to his local lodge.

FOUNDER

BISHOP E. COTTRELL

First Anniversary Program

The First Anniversary service for the Rev. Charles C. Walker, pastor of the First Congregational Church, were witnessed by an appreciable audience on Sunday, February 2, 1941. The Rev. Luke Beard, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church delivered a splendid sermon on "Things That Make For Spiritual Progress." His choir gave those present a cultural uplift with musical renditions.

It is to be remembered that the Rev. Charles C. Walker is a product of East Orange, New Jersey. He is a graduate of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and The Oberlin Graduate School of Theology in Oberlin, Ohio.

Since he has been here he has been trying to wield community forces together irrespective of denomination and creed for the well-being of the Negro group.

Mr. Wm. Kinslow, President of H. B. A. No. 190 and 196, Waynesboro, was in the office of the Holbrook Benevolent Association Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Powe, the mother of Miss Mary Francis Powe, private secretary to Mr. E. F. Young, Jr., was in the city Tuesday for a short visit with her daughter.

Rev. C. C. Walker, pastor of the First Congregational church of this city, celebrated his one year pastorage Sunday, February 2nd.

Mississippi Industrial College Celebrated Founders Day Friday January 31 1931

The Anniversary of Founder's Day for Miss. Industrial College was very fitly celebrated at Cottrell Cemetery Holly Springs, Miss. Friday January 31 1941 at 11:00 A.M.

While the Miss. Industrial College has been essentially in the hands of its Presidents, the College as as institution and as a fact, must always be thought of as a direct emanation from the creative genius of Bishop Elis Cottrell.

The faculty and students of the M. I College assembled in the Reading Room at Washington Hall and made its Annual Pilgrimage to tomb of its Founder, Bishop E ias Cottrell.

Appropriated music for the occasion was rendered by the College Choral Club, under the direction of Mrs. V. W Slaughter, Director of Music of the college.

As testimonial of the esteem and with great appreciation, a beautiful floral wreath was placed on the tomb of Bishop Cottrell, The History of the college was given by Mrs. Annie L. Frazier and the main address was delivered by the Rev. N. M. Means, Director of Religious Education of the college.

STATE NEWS

CRANDALL, NEWS—The H. B. A. Lodge No. 123 is on the upward march. Owing to the hail storm that struck it, ... caused it to freeze up, but it is thawing up now.

President W. M. Frazier

Our president, Professor S. L. Donald's children, Clarence C.; Joe S. Donald of Detroit, Michigan; S. L. Jr., and wife of Laurel, Miss., Mrs. Iola Mae Mc Clendon and husband of Quitman, Miss., Mrs. Eula C. Staten and husband of Mathesville, Miss., Ben F., Walter Taylor and Miss W. Lucile Donald of Crandall, Miss. All were present at the funeral services of their mother, Mrs. Bettie E. Donald, who departed this life, January 17, 1941. Her sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Walker of Chicago, Illinois and Mrs. Angie Smith of Carbon Hill, Alabama, were also in attendance.

Mrs. Donald was a member of the

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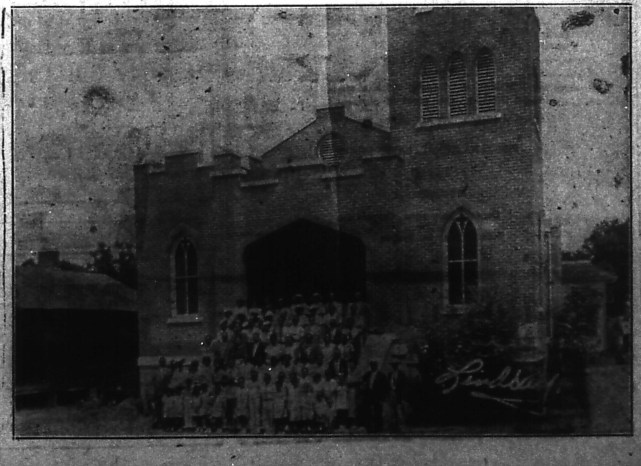
Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church The Welcome Corner



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Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.—Psalm 119:105.

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Brotherhood

BROTHERHOOD

By Dr. Charles Stelzle

Originally, the Church was a Brotherhood. Including all classes and conditions, it became a factor in the lives of men that caused them to suffer and to sacrifice as nothing else has ever done. It literally turned the world upside down. It brought in a new standard of ethics. However it may have failed because of human limitations, it has done more to usher in freedom than all other agencies combined.

Real brotherhood cannot exist without a love as wide as the world. There can be no brotherhood without the Fatherhood of God. The Fatherhood of God implies a care for every one of his children, regardless of race, creed color or economic condition. He sends his rain upon the just and upon the unjust. His provision is for all.

The coming of world Brotherhood depends less upon high-sounding platforms and pronouncements than it does upon our readiness to give to our brothers their just due even in the smaller affairs of life. Platforms are built merely to stand upon. The testing time comes when we travel along life's pathways.

When enough of us catch the "vision splendid" of real brotherhood and determine to live it out—making the sacrifices demanded of us in shop and office and store and home and church then "the day" will have arrived There's a scripture passage to the effect that "righteousness exalteth a nation." This means justice, whatever else may be included in the definition No nation can be righteous until its citizens are just.

To Entertain March Board

Pres. A. J. Barnett.

Comments On Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS ON SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

In the last two week's issue of the Weekly Echo we had splendid comments on the Sunday School lesson, written by the Reverend W. P. C. Taylor, pastor of Rose Hill Methodist Church. We have heard quite a few speak of the helpful comments given by this young pastor.

Reverend Taylor has agreed to furnish comments on the Sunday School lesson for four weeks and we are quite sure the readers of the Echo will enjoy these comments.

Reverend Taylor is the son of the Reverend P. A. Taylor who is now pastoring at Forest. He is a product of Oak Park and Junior High Schools, Mt. Buelah and Gammon Theological Seminary. We have also secured the services of Reverend C. C. Walker, pastor of The First Congregational Church of this city who has agreed to give us four weeks' comments on the Sunday School lesson. Rev. C. C. Walker is a product of Lincoln University and Oberlin, Graduate School of Theology. If you enjoy reading these comments on the Sunday School lesson by these two young ministers, why not tell them so through the columns of the Weekly Echo or drop them a card.

Our young men and women doing religious work can be greatly encouraged and inspired if we as readers will be thoughtful enough to express our appreciation.

WAYNESBORO—Dear Editor: Allow lodge No. 190 space to say that our lodge has lost a faithful member in the person of W. Norman Harris, Brother Harris was buried with H. B. A. honor.
—Wm. Kinslow, President

CONTEST WINNERS

DR. GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER, in American culture and progress: yes, one of the nation's greatest scientists age and youth. What part is there for the other, a young man of Michigan them in the American Defense Program and a representative of the Ford Plant for the preservation of its culture and They have played an important part democracy? The answer is obvious.

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March Boards To Open March 3rd

Dear Presidents:

As general secretary, I have been authorized by the General President to notify you that the March Boards will convene as follow.

Monday, March 3rd, Mt. Olive, Miss. Ellis Walker, President

Wednesday, March 5th, Laurel, Miss. G B Arrington, President.

Friday, March 7th, Hattiesburg, Miss. A. J. Barnett, President

We hope to make the March Boards the greatest we have held. We will send out the quarterly report blanks in a few days. A large number of our presidents around Meridian, Dekalb Daleville, Toomsuba, Russell, etc., will be slated to help us make these boards at Mt. Olive, Laurel and Hattiesburg a big affair.

Presidents Walker, Arrington and Barnett want to see us in a big number.

HBA MARCH ASSESSMENT

All presidents are requested to collect $1.35 from each member of their lodge and report same in the March Boards.

Some of our presidents have reported deaths in their lodges, but they have not as yet sent in a death certificate. Please remember that even though the name or names of your deceased members maybe published, we must have the death certificate before said claims will be paid

The following presidents have reported the following deaths:

1— Angeline Kidd, No. 479, Rev. R B Cotton, President, Lawrence

2— Abra Owens, No. 304, Mrs. Ulden Barnes, President, Taylorsville

3— Peter McDonald, No. 174, C L Hall President, Wiggins

4—Ella McCormick, No. 195 R. McCormick, President, Vossburg

5— Morning Jeffery, No. 457, J W Pigford, President, Laurel

6— Elisabeth Bell, No. 461, T J Young, President, Meridian

7— Taylor Neal, No. 92, G E Arrington, President, Laurel

8— Mary Hearn, No. 203, Levi Hearn President, Quitman

9— Frank Willis No. 5, B W Willis, President, Meridian

10— Abram McMillion, No. 477, Alex McMillion, President, Rose Hill

11— Alice Flemming, No. 353, Reverend W S Price, President, Brookhaven

12— John Price, No. 141, W C Croft, President, West Enterprise

13— Mary Hinton, No. 378, George Andrews, President, Waynesboro

14— Ellen Lindsey, No. 95, Mrs. Edna Howard, President, Crandall

15— Jane Moore, No. 422, R V Pope, President, Laurel

16— Robert Williams, No. 267, G D Cotton, President, West Enterprise

17— Catherine Sherrod, No. 141, W C Croft, President, West Enterprise

18—Easter Johnson, No. 3, B. W. Willis President, Meridian

19— John Armstrong, No. 308, P. B Bayless, President, Columbia

20—Norman Harris, No. 190, Wm. Kinslow, President, Waynesboro

21— Melvin May, No. 324, J. W. Pitts, President Mashulaville

22— Nellie Townsend No. 234, James Patrick, President, Hattiesburg

23— Sidney Arnold, No. 209, O. C. Thigpen, President, Laurel

24— Susie Bass, No. 23, Rev. R. B Blackman, President, Bassfield

25— Hannah White No. 399, John E. Cotton, President, Macon, Miss.

Waynesboro, Miss.

GULFPORT NEWS—Please give space in the Weekly Echo to let the many readers and friends know that Reverend W. C. McDuffie, president of lodge No. 476 of 1604 6th Street, Gulfport, Miss., is indisposed and has been for several days.

We are praying to the Heavenly Father for his speedy recovery.

Miss Ruth Mae McDuffie, Reporter

Essence of Democracy

Boy Scouts throughout the country celebrate the 31st anniversary of the movement in America during the week of Feb. 7-13 while the slogan on the poster above emphasizes the fact that "Scouting strengthens and invigorates democracy" all Americans feel Scout membership is in itself the essence of democracy.

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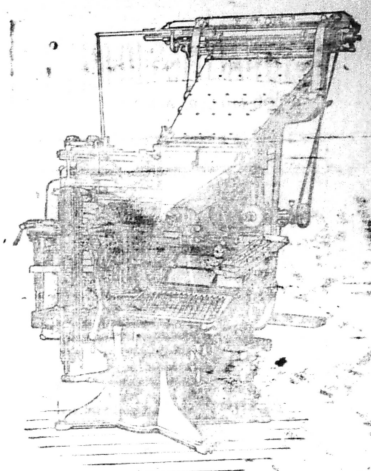

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HEALTH HELPS

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by Batchelder

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YOU HAVE A BAD CASE- HOW MUCH DO YOU EARN?
MONTHS LATER
I'VE PAID PLENTY BUT I'M NO BETTER
HE SOUNDS LIKE A FAKE- WHY DONT YOU SEE YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR
GLAD YOU CAME TO ME, JERRY. QUACKS CERTAINLY DO A LOT OF HARM

Many persons are victimized by quacks and other fakers who advertise quick cure for syphilis and gonorrhea.

Only qualified physicians can properly diagnose and treat these diseases. Good doctors do not advertise.

Jerry's uncle and his folks recommend his sole interest is money — not health.

Obtain the names of reliable doctors from medical societies, health departments or

In the nation-wide campaign to find and treat syphilis and gonorrhea, and to reduce the misery and death caused by them, the National Anti-Syphilis Committee of the American Social Hygiene Association is guiding many thousands to proper medical care.

A fund of $500,000 is being raised through voluntary contributions to help carry on the fight against syphilis and gonorrhea, and the quack and charlatan who profit by them.

Haven Rust Male Glee Club In Recital

The Haven and Rust Male Glee Club will present its Annual Recital April 4, 1941, at the H. B. Auditorium. Tickets will be on sale by members of the Glee Club.

PERSONALITIES IN MUSIC

BOB MILLER, A.S.C.A.P.

Hill Billy Song Specialist

By Daniel L. McNamara

HE holds degrees in music from two conservatories. Composer and author, he has made brilliant arrangements in symphonic proportions. He is a piano virtuoso and versatile instrumentalist. But transcending all his musical accomplishments is Bob Miller's mastery of the distinctively American musical idiom, the hill billy song.

Miller is composer of an incredibly large number of these mountaineer ballads. Because no one could believe one person could write so many, he uses a dozen pseudonyms covering various types of songs. Vasca Suede, Shelby Darnell, Trebor Rellim, Elli Divina, A. J. Adams, Bob Ferguson, Lawrence Miller, Bob Kackley, Dinny James, Lawrence Wilson, Inky Knuckleduff—all these personages are disclosed in the records of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers to be the name Bob Miller whose "Seven Cent Cotton, Forty Cent Meat," now some years old, is one of the great best record sellers in history.

Miller was born in a suburb of Memphis, Tenn., September 20, right in the heart of the hill billy country. A natural pianist, he became a runaway orphan, worked his way around the country playing piano. Relatives and friends induced the adventurous youngster to complete his formal musical education at Memphis and Chicago Conservatories, but his schooling was interrupted by theatrical engagements and a brief foray into the press end.

His first aid for national fame came with the phonograph record sale of his famous Memphis musical organization, Bob Miller's Steamer Wreck Orchestra. Not only in the [illegible] greatest for this type of song, but in the large cities these records soon became big sellers. Miller's penchant for telling current happenings in original song creations gave him a field almost to himself among songwriters.

To keep pace with the demand for new hill billy songs, he turned them out so rapidly that he became known among music publishers as the one-man music factory. Frequently he composed at a few hours' notice three or four songs which he telephoned from Memphis to the recording studios in New York.

Miller became permanently established in New York City in 1922, and now for a dozen years has conducted his own publishing house. He has produced about two score books of his original song creations and several hundred records of his songs have been made.

Miller describes hill billy songs as spontaneous music of simple folks. At their best they voice the two extremes of emotion, happiness and grief. The simplicity of Stephen Foster's works is of the nature of the genuine hill billy school of song, Miller explains. But Foster was a trained musician, whose reverence for musical form estopped the use of non-conformity, meter and tempo characteristic of most hill billy songs.

Miller as an authority on hill billy song often is asked to trace origins of ancient songs, and not infrequently he encounters songs of his own composition which have found their way into the mountains, there to be "discovered" by students and brought to him as sterling examples of early American song.

Miller's current work in the management of his publishing house is to content [illegible]

NOTICE TO H. B. A. PRESIDENTS

Dear Co-Workers:

In last week's issue we carried a notice with reference to the Boards collection for March. The amount to be collected is $1.35. It is going to be urgently necessary that the presidents do their best to make sound reports.

As you will note, the Boards are a month off and we have a large number of deaths already. As we go to press, we have 23 deaths and we are unable to tell how many we will have by **March first. If we do not make a** strong pull in our collections we will not be able to pay as much as we would like to pay. The Boards closed a little better than a month and ten days ago and we have another month to run. Flu and other sickness has caused our death rates to run up, therefore, if we expect to hold our own we must make a nice collection in March. The dead folk are ours and let us stand by them. We have a right to at any cost. We cannot afford to throw-up because they have died; we cannot afford to complain because they have died. We should be thankful that we have been spared among the living to help pay off the dead. I prefer many times to pay $1.35 on somebody else than for somebody to pay $1.35 on me.

NOTICE TO PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE H. B. A.

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THAT TIRED FEELING

With the change of seasons we are apt to find ourselves abnormally tired without quite knowing the reason why. We often let tiredness pile up until suddenly and without warning we find ourselves on the verge of exhaustion. Missing that extra hour's sleep one night seems unimportant but, continued night after night, it mounts up and leaves its mark, not only on our faces but on our spirits as well.

The consistently tired woman is never very happy. Haven't you sometimes noticed that everything seems wrong, that your spirits have reached a new low, and yet you can't put your finger on any one thing that is causing such worry? When those dark moments come, stop and check up on your physical condition. How much sleep have you had in the last week? How regular have your habits been? There you will usually find the root of your trouble.

A tired woman never looks her best. When you look in the mirror and are suddenly startled by that ravaged look, there is no use opening your cosmetic closet and expecting to repair the damages of too much wear and tear with creams and powders and lotions. They do help, of course, but only superficially. You've got to work from the inside out to be truly radiant. No amount of mascara can put the sparkle back in eyes that feel like two burned holes in a blanket. Lack of sleep, for some reason or other, makes the skin feel dry and rough. A good cream will help but you can't expect it to do the whole job. Tired skin and tired eyes are an invitation to premature wrinkling.

The human body, like man-made machines, can only be driven so far. Then, lacking the proper attention, it breaks down. You lose your appetite; you feel like a martyr; your nerves are on the ragged side, and you are altogether unpleasant to be with. If you continue at this pace, you will not only lose your good disposition but your looks and health as well.

Exhaustion is not so much a matter of over-work as it is lack of systematized rest. Learn to relax. If possible, spend twenty-four hours in bed. You needn't sleep the entire time. Read a good book. Listen to the radio. But rest. A good rest will take years off your face and do much to brighten your outlook on life.

If you are a working girl and can't arrange to give over a whole day to complete relaxation, don't despair. Try going to bed at 8 after dinner. Take a hot bath, a bit of light reading, and creams between the sheets a couple of hours before your accustomed time. Keep it up for a week. You will be amazed and delighted with the results. You'll find your job is not bad after all, that people are always quite nice, and, taken all in all, that life is a rather glorious experience.

What are your beauty problems? Write Marie Downing, Larieuse Beauty Foundation, Room 607—511 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo., and she will be glad to answer them. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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M. L. W— I have seen where you have helped fifty million others and I wish help too. Will the birth of this child cause lots of confusion in the family?

Ans: No— I don't think it will. There is absolutely no reason for anyone having a thing to say about this child that is to be born and you need have no fear whatever. Everyone will be crazy about the youngster.

L. S— There is a man that I wants for companion and I want to know does he love me as he says? Tell me yes or no for I don't want to get messed up this late in the day.

Ans: He admires you greatly—but there is also another that he admired too. Due to the fact that he will not keep his promise and come to see you when he promises—is reason enough for you not to become too interested in this man.

L. C— I am fixing to make a change and I want to know from you if I will be successful or not?

Ans: I am sure that you will. You are standing still right where you are now and the time has come for you to do something to try to get ahead in the world. The change you are contemplating will prove a worthwhile venture push ahead.

P. H— The boy I used to go with his wife quiet. Now on Thanksgiving Day he came over to my house so please tell me what he wanted as I am anxious to find out about him?

Ans: He didn't come back to begin an affair with you—he came solely because he was blue, and upset about his wife leaving him and thought you might sympathize with him. Now don't go falling in love with him again for he dropped you to marry his wife and if she comes back, he would drop you a-

M. A. B— Will my auntie get the money she is expecting. Is it best for me to go home or to stay here?

Ans: The money is going to be delayed for a few more months. Since you are so dissatisfied where you are now, then it is suggested that you go back home. You could find some kind of work to do:

An Unseen Friend— I am depending on your advice. Is it true that the boy I am going with loves me and do I love him? Do we love each other?

Ans: From all indications the feeling is sincere—he is head over heals in love seems to be mutual. This young man with you. I don't advise a marriage for you kids at this early age. Wait for at least another year.

L. L. A— The boy that I am going with tells me that he has my name on some certain papers of his and I feel deeply worried and want you to tell me what to do?

Ans: Nothing. He has his own way of saying to win a girl for a sweetheart and he certainly is keeping you guessing. The papers he has is some that he has written himself—he would like to get up enough courage to get a marriage license with your name on it but hasn't as yet.

B. C. X— Is it advisable for me to continue to teach this next semester or to quit now?

Ans: Hold to your job and finish out this year teaching. This is no time to quit. You might think that you haven't done such a good job but you will find this semester to be much easier than last. The children will respect you more and you can handle them better. The four months' experience you have had will make things different.

State News

(Continued from page One)

A. M. E. Church for fifty years and for forty-two years a dear wife and devoted mother. She leaves a husband, nine children, two brothers, three sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss in the home and community. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Reverend Tylar, assisted by Reverend Jossie Rayno and Reverend Walter Hathaway. Interment in the James Chapel Cemetery. Strayhorn & Young Funeral Directors in charge of the body, of which most excellent service was rendered to the delight of all present.

Mrs. Claudie Mae Sympson, Reporter

MERIDIAN, MISS.—February 4, 1941. Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford of 1106 34th Avenue left for Memphis, Tenn., Tuesday afternoon where she is to undergo an operation. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

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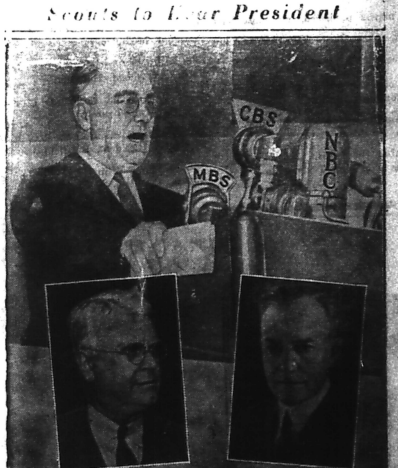
Scouts to Hear President



Besides all the Boy Scouts in the country—a membership of 1,800,000 right now—all America will have an opportunity to hear President Roosevelt, Honorary President; Walter W. Head (right), President, and Dr. James E. West (left), Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, mark the 31st anniversary of the Movement in the United States, over the NBC (Red), CBS and MBS networks, and many local stations not affiliated with the networks, on Saturday, February 8, at 1:30 p. m., EST; 12:30 CST; 11:30 MST and 4:30 PST.

Regardless of race, creed or color, we all eat. President Roosevelt's administration was seemingly the first to recognize these facts, as records, the food stamps and many plots of U. S. grocers have been replaced by persons like this (above) in which students enjoy a day's outing at Pelham Bay Park. "Out-of-School" activity is an important part of WPA's work.

Mrs Lula V. H. King, Of Pelahatchie, Miss.

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LINCOLN "DESPISED AND REJECTED?

Abraham Lincoln Was Despised And Rejected

by Dr. Charles Stelzle

Perhaps no President of the United States has been so vilified as Abraham Lincoln. He was publicly charged with being weak and inefficient, a perjurer and a thief, wasting the public's money, disregarding the constitution, and being a dictator, a political spoilsman, and incompetent to be president.

No man guilty of the charges made against him could have given expression to the noble sentiments credited to him, sometimes in spite of the attacks of powerful opponents. Many of these expressions have become classic and are today counted worthy of having an honored place among the world's greatest declarations.

dress that he gave at Gettysburg in which he said that "this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth?"

In his second inaugural address he plead for "malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right."

Speaking about the framers of the Constitution he said: "They did not declare all men equal in all respects. They did not mean to say that all were equal in color, size, intellect in their development, or social degree. They defined with tolerable distinctness in what respects they did consider all men equal—equal with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

In a debate with Stephen Douglas, Lincoln once said: "No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent."

Speaking at Springfield, Lincoln said: "This government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free."

History has proved that Lincoln was right. It is well as we again celebrate Lincoln's birthday that we should be reminded of some of these famous affirmations. Who can forget the address of one of the greatest Presidents that our country has had in all of its history, and he is now honored not only by all Americans, regardless of their political convictions, but by people over-seas who have come to know about the great service he rendered for the people of the United States, particularly those who were oppressed or afflicted.

'BOUT F'LK WE KNOW

Mr. Floyd Ott of Toomsuba was in the office of the Holbrook Benevolent Association Saturday on business pertaining to his local lodge.

Tuberculosis Essay

1ST NAACP ORGANIZED IN MERIDIAN

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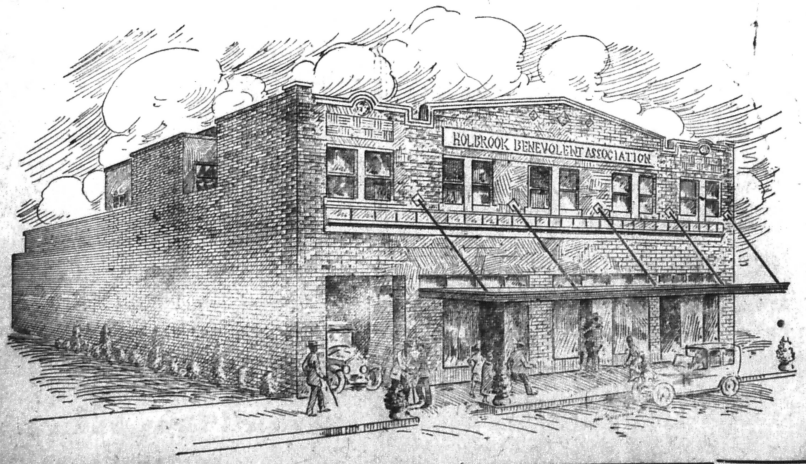

CONTEST WINNERS

Mr. Derias Craft, President of H. B. A. No. 176 was in the office of the Holbrook Benevolent Association Monday. The nature of his trip was a business one.

The passing of Mr. W. C. Croft, President of H. B. A. No. 141, passed Sunday, February 9th. The office force extends to the bereaved our deepest sympathy.

Mr. W. J. Pigford of Laurel, President of H. B. A. No. 457 has written to the office for a death certificate for a deceased member of his lodge. This means an increase in deaths for March.

Messers F. F. Jr., and D. B. Young have returned to the city after visiting Memphis, Tennessee and other points. Their trip was a business one.

Mr. J. E. Owens, formerly connected with the Universal Life Insurance Company, now teaching at Buccatunna, Mississippi.

Mrs. Carrie Leach of 1412 13th Avenue, is confined to her bed with an attack of the Flu.

Mrs. Emma Wobbington of 19th Avenue is confined to her bed with an attack of the Flu.

Mr. Willie Robinson, husband of Mrs. Gloria Robinson, is in Ruth Infirmary where he underwent an operation. Mr. Robinson is resting fairly well as we go to press.

Mr. H. D. Hall of 26th Avenue and 13th Street, a barber of Young's Barber Shop is confined to his bed on account of illness.

A Valentine Social was given at Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church, Wednesday evening, February 12th, sponsored by the Willing Workers' Club and the Missionary Society of the Church.

The beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. L. F. Brooks of 2701 13th Street, is being redecorated.

Mrs. Nannie Drapes of 13th Avenue and 13th Street is indisposed at her home.

Mr. Robert K. Smith, Manager and Linotype operator of the Goodwill Printing Company has been indisposed for several days.

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Rev. G. W. Holbert Passes

REVEREND G. W. HOLBERT PASSES

A few days ago the Reverend G. W. Holbert of Durant, Mississippi, succumbed at his home. Reverend Holbert was a retired minister in the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. For many, many years, Dr. Holbert stood at the front ranks in Colored Methodism in the state of Mississippi. He has served some of our leading stations as pastor and has served as Presiding Elder of some of the leading Districts in the State of Mississippi. He was a fearless contender for the things he thought right. He was a member of several General Conferences. The Weekly Echo extends to the family its deepest sympathy.

ON THE SICK LIST

Mrs. E. D. Barksdale, the wife of Reverend E. D. Barksdale, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Circuit, is still on the sick list. Mrs. Barksdale is an untiring church worker and is always willing to do what she can to help her husband out in the great program that he is putting over.

Miss Bessie Trotter, Head Department

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The Mission of Jesus: All religious teaching, doctrine or creed, if they are to have any claim upon the love, loyalty and devotion of the people, must be in harmony with the teachings of Jesus the Christ whose words fit into every fold and crevice of the human heart, and of whom it was said in John 7:46, "NEVER MAN SPAKE LIKE THIS MAN."

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Remove All Barriers

REMOVE ALL BARRIERS
by Dr. Charles Stelzle

It is generally assumed by some otherwise Americans that the progress of the Negro race in the United States began at zero on January 1, 1863, when President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation became effective. It is true that more than four million slaves started from scratch at that time, but nearly half a million Negroes were already free, many having purchased freedom through their own efforts.

When the Civil War began, great numbers had already become skilled workers, and while undoubtedly many owed their training to experience obtained in America, they had an inheritance which dated to an African background, where for centuries many of their forefathers were skilled artisans.

In music they made a distinct contribution to American life. In religion, they swayed the life of millions. As humble workers on farms and plantations they made possible the dominance of the South in the production of tobacco, rice, sugar, and cotton, to say nothing about service in other fields.

Their devotion to America as soldiers has been shown in every conflict in which our country has been engaged. During the first world war, 380,000 Negroes enrolled for service, and they were the first to get into action. And while hundreds of Americans were accused of disloyalty, it is said that there wasn't a single Negro among the number.

And what may be said about those who, in spite of prejudice and opposition have excelled as poets, teachers, journalists, artists, actors, artisans, physicians, bankers, businessmen, scientists and in many other occupations? Given the same opportunities enjoyed by others, hosts of Negroes would today be in the front ranks among the people of our country. Sooner or later the people of this country will realize the unfairness of the barriers which stand in the way of the Negroes of America, and when that time comes they will be prepared to take their places shoulder to shoulder with all those who hope and work for the progress of our great nation.

March Boards

DESCRIPTION OF BOARD TO MEET IN LAUREL

This comes to inform all concerned that the Board will be held with Lodge No. 92, March 5th, at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church on Highway No. 11, Meridian Avenue. It is the first white church coming from Meridian.

G. B. Arrington, President
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Ministerial Alliance Is Growing Weekly

FEBRUARY 4, 1941—The Interdenominational Ministers Alliance met on the above date with devotion conducted by Rev. E. A. Mays. He led in Singing "Oh, How I Love Jesus" and read for the scripture lesson St Luke 15-1-18 and he commented on same. This was followed by a series of prayers led by Rev. W. P. C. Taylor and was followed by several and closed by Rev. E. F. Young.

The Alliance is growing weekly, two new ministers were added: Rev. Fred Divers, the new Pastor of St. James A. M. E. Church. We had present today sixteen (16) ministers and one visitor, as follows: Reverends Luke Beard, B. W. Coates, E. A. Mays, W. H. Lewis, C. C. Walker, F. P. Leonard, Rodgers, J. H. Griggs, Fred Divers, W. P. C. Taylor, E. F. Young, M. J. Jones, W. T. Thomas. Benediction by Rev. Luke Beard.

Rev. W. B. Foster, President.
Rev. Mrs. L. B. Williams, Secretary.

Demonstration Club Met

DEMONSTRATION CLUB MET

The Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Georgia Rayborns. The program for the evening was as follows: Complete organization of the club, discussion on food by Mrs. Rayborns; discussion on quick porch mats and braided rugs by Mrs. R. L. Frisby, home demonstration agent.

Because of bad weather there were a few present, however, the evening was enjoyed by all who were present.

Two fancy quilt patterns were perfected during the fireside chat. Ideas on home improvement were exchanged by members of the club, after which, a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess.

All departed feeling refreshed and much informed. The club was reorganized in January 1941, at the home of Mrs. Addie Lumpford with Mrs. Beatrice Childress, State Leader, as a visitor. The club will hold monthly meetings at the homes of various members of the club.

Mrs. Addie Lumpford, Reporter

HUNTING TRIP

Presiding Elder R. L. Young went on a hunting trip with one of his pastors, Reverend C. T. Thompson, a few days ago. They were accompanied by Mr. Wardell Gray. They had quite a bit of fun with rabbits. After walking more than a half a day they found an old quail. Elder Young proved himself to be an expert marksman. A rabbit was found in its bed and in order not to tear the rabbit to pieces, the Elder decided to blow his head off. He took good aim and boom with the gun and the rabbit tried himself to see how fast he could run. Boom! again, and the rabbit got faster. Boom! again, and the rabbit kicked up dust. The Elder replied, "These shots are too small".

Haven-Rust Club

The Haven-Rust Club and the T. J. Harris High School will render a joint program in the High School auditorium Sunday, February 16th, 3:00 o'clock.

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ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Miss Dorothy Harris, stenographer and bookkeeper of the T. J. Harris High School is now in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Ludie Chaney left the city Wednesday, February 12th for the Veterans' hospital in Tuskegee, Alabama.

The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmit McCann of 35th Avenue and 14th Street is being renavated on the interior.

ILL

Mrs. E. H. Lewis, the popular wife of Mr. E. H. Lewis of 2001 31st Avenue is on the sick list.

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VISITING

Mrs. Anna Graham is now at her home in Carson, Mississippi. According to reports, she is making good with her Carson "flame." She and Mr. Neal Magee are losing no time in getting matters straight for the spring. They may "spruce over". It is thought that she would have been married some time ago had it not been for her children who think she is too old to marry. She says however, she can beat her children stirring. She remarked a few days ago "These children talking about, they are sick a whole lot more than I am".

NOTICE

NOTICE TO H. B. A. PRESIDENTS ATTENDING BOARDS

In view of the fact that we are holding only three Boards this Quarter, our Boards will be heavy. This will neccessitate opening the Boards earlier. We want to kindly ask each president to do his best to be on the grounds at 9:00 o'clock. We want to open not later than 9:30.

Our deatls list is heavy for this quarter. We want to begin business early enough to attend to all of our business on scheduled time.

To Entertain Each Board

Pres. A. J. Barnett.

MRS. S. E. BLACKMAN VISITS MRS. MARY GRAY

Mrs. S. E. Blackman, the wife of Reverend E. B. Blackman spent the day, Monday of this week, with Mr. and Mrs. Will Gray of Carson, Mississippi. Mrs. Blackman states that she enjoyed the trip very, very much.

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March Boards To Open March 3rd

Dear Presidents:

As general secretary, I have been authorized by the General President to notify you that the March Boards will convene as follows.

Monday, March 3rd, Mt. Olive, Miss Ellie Walker, President

Wednesday, March 5th, Laurel, Miss. G B Arrington, President.

Friday, March 7th, Hattiesburg. Miss. A. J. Barnett, President

We hope to make the March Boards the greatest we have held. We will send out the quarterly report blanks in a few days. A large number of our presidents around Meridian, DeKalb Daleville Toomsuba, Russell, etc., will be slated to help us make these boards at Mt. Olive, Laurel and Hattiesburg a big affair.

Presidents Walker, Arrington and Barnett want to see us in a big number.

H.B.A. MARCH ASSESSMENT

All presidents are requested to collect $1.35 from each member of their lodge and report same in the March Boards.

Some of our presidents have reported deaths in their lodges but they have not as yet sent in a death certificate. Please remember that even though the name or names of your deceased members maybe published, we must have the death certificate before said claims will be paid

The following presidents have reported the following deaths:

3— Angeline Kidd, No. 470, Rev. B B Oxten, President, Lawrence

3— Alva Owens, No. 394, Mrs. Udean Barnes, President, Taylorsville

3— Perry McDonald, No. 174, C L Hall President, Wiggins

4— Ella McCormick, No. 195 E McCormick, President, Vossburg

5— Morning Jeffery, No. 437, J W Pigford, President, Laurel

6— Elizabeth Bell, No. 461, T J Young, President, Meridian

7— Taylor Neal, No. 92, G B Arrington President, Laurel

8— Mary Hearn, No. 268, Levi Hearn President, Quitman

9— Frank Willis No. 5, B W Willis, President, Meridian

10— Abram McMillion, No. 477, Alex McMillion, President, Bass Hill

11— Alice Flemming, No. 288, Reverend W S Price, President, Brookhaven

12— John Price, No. 141, W C Croft, President, West Enterprise

13— Mary Hinton, No. 378, George Andrews, President, Waynesboro

14— Ellen Lindsey, No. 95, Mrs. Ellen Howard, President, Crandall

15— Jane Moore, No. 422, B V Pope, President, Laurel

16— Robert Williams, No. 257, G D Clinton, President, West Enterprise

17— Catherine Sherrod, No. 161, W C Croft, President, West Enterprise

18— Easter Johnson, No. 5, B. W. Willis President, Meridian

19— John Armstrong, No. 283, S. B. Bayles, President, Columbia

20— Normas Harris, No. 128, Wm. Kinslow, President, Waynesboro

21— Melvin May, No. 324, S. W. Pitts, President Mashulaville

22— Nellie Townsend No. 324, Jessie Patrick, President, Hattiesburg

23— Sidney Arnold, No. 330, O. G. Thigpen, President, Laurel

24— Susie Bass, No. 35, Rev. B. B Blackmon, President, Beaufield

25— Hannah White No. 399, John E. Cotton, President, Meeks, Miss

26. W.C. Croft No. 141, W. C. Croft Pres. W. Enterprise

27. Harriet Dansy, No. 4 57 J. W. Pigford; Pres. Laurel

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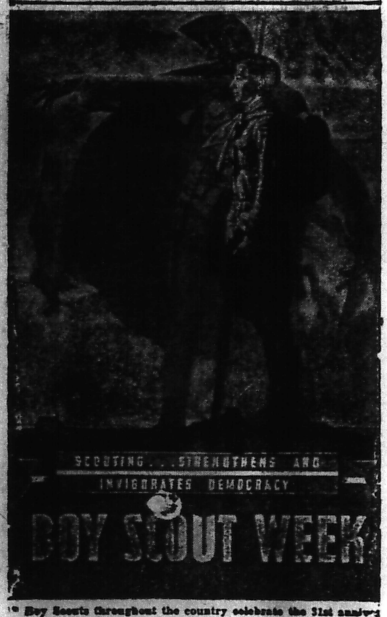

Boy Scouts throughout the country celebrate the 31st anniversary of the movement in America during the week of Feb. 7-13. While the slogan on the poster above emphasizes the fact that Scouting strengthens and invigorates democracy" all Americans know that Scout membership is in itself the essence of democracy.

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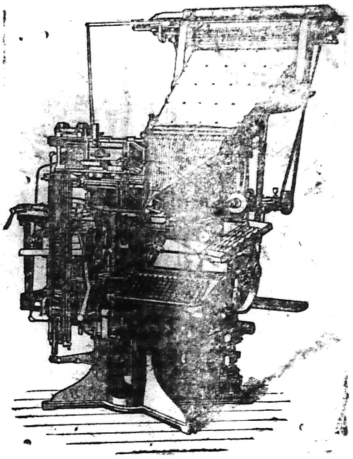

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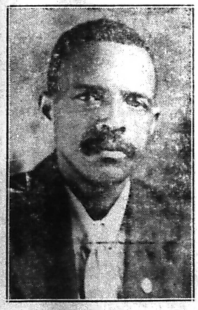

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MONTHS LATER
I'VE PAID PLENTY BUT I'M NO BETTER.
HE SOUNDS LIKE A FAKE- WHY DONT YOU SEE YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR
GLAD YOU CAME TO ME, JERRY. QUACKS CERTAINLY DO A LOT OF HARM

In the nationwide campaign to find and treat syphilis and gonorrhea, and to reduce the misery and death caused by them, the National Anti-Syphilis Committee of the American Social Hygiene Association is guiding many thousands to proper medical care.

A fund of $500,000 is being raised through voluntary contributions to help carry on the fight against syphilis and gonorrhea, and the quack and charlatan who prey on them.

Read The Weekly Echo

PERSONALITIES IN MUSIC

BOB MILLER, A.S.C.A.P.

Hill Billy Song Specialist

By Daniel I. McNamara

HE holds degrees in music from two conservatories. Composer and author, he has made brilliant arrangements in symphonic proportions. He is a piano virtuoso and versatile instrumentalist. But transcending all his musical accomplishments is Bob Miller's mastery of the distinctively American musical idioms, the hill billy song.

Miller is composer of an incredibly large number of these mountaineer ballads. Because no one would believe one person could write so many, he uses a dozen pseudonyms covering various types of songs. Vasco Suede, Shelby Darnell, Trebor Rellim, Elli Divina, A. J. Adams, Bob Ferguson, Lawrence Miller, Bob Kackley, Dinny James, Lawrence Wilson, Inky Hucklenut—all these personages are disclosed in the records of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers to be the same Bob Miller whose "Leven Dern Cotton, Forty Cent Meat," now nine years old, is one of the greatest record sellers in history.

Miller was born in a suburb of Memphis, Tenn., September 20, 1[illegible] in the heart of the hill billy country. A natural pianist, he became a runaway orphan, worked his way around the country playing piano. Relatives and friends induced the adventurous youngster to complete his formal musical education at Memphis and Chicago Conservatories, but his schooling was interrupted or theatrical engagements and a brief foray into the price ring.

His first hit for national fame came with the phonograph record [illegible] of his deluxe Memphis musical organization, Bob Miller's Steamer Band Orchestra. Not only in the [illegible] Yankee [illegible] greatest for this type of song, but in the large cities these [illegible] soon became big sellers. [illegible]'s penchant for telling current happenings in original song creations gave him a field almost to himself among songwriters.

To keep pace with the demand for new hill billy songs, he turned them out so rapidly that he became known among music publishers as the one-man music factory. Frequently he composed at a few hours' notice three or four songs which he telephoned from Memphis to the recording studios in New York.

Miller became permanently established in New York City in 1925, and now for a dozen years has conducted his own publishing house. He has produced about two score books of his original song creations and several hundred records of his songs have been made.

Miller describes hill billy songs as spontaneous music of simple folks. At their best they voice the two extremes of emotion, happiness and grief. The simplicity of Stephen Foster's works is of the nature of the genuine hill billy school of song. Miller explains that Foster was a trained musician whose reverence for musical form estopped the use of non-conforming meter and tempo characteristic of most hill billy songs.

Miller as an authority on hill billy song often is asked to trace origins of ancient songs, and not infrequently he encounters songs of his own composition which have found their way into the mountains, there to be "discovered" by students and brought to him as sterling examples of early American.

Miller's current work is in the hands of his publishing [illegible]. He is content now to write [illegible] more [illegible]

NOTICE TO H. B. A. PRESIDENTS

Dear Co-Workers:

In last week's issue we carried a notice to presidents and members of the Boards collected is $1.75. It is going to be urgently necessary that the presidents do their best to make spund reports.

As you will note, the Boards are a month off and we have a large number of deaths already. As we go to press, we have 23 deaths and we are unable to tell how many we will have by March 1st. If we do not make a strong pull in our collections we will not be able to pay as much as we would like to pay. The Boards closed a little better than a month and ten days ago and we have another month to run. Flu and other sickness has caused our death rates to run up, therefore, if we expect to hold our own we must make a nice collection in March. The dead folk are ours and let us stand by them. We have a right to at any cost. We cannot afford to throw up because they have died; we cannot afford to complain because they have died. We should be thankful that we have been spared among the living to help pay off the dead. I prefer many times to pay $1.25 on somebody else than for somebody to pay $1.25 on me.

NOTICE TO PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE H B A

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THAT TIRED FEELING

With the change of seasons we are apt to find ourselves abnormally tired without quite knowing the reason why. We often let tiredness pile up until suddenly and without warning we find ourselves on the verge of exhaustion. Missing that extra hour's sleep one night seems unimportant but, continued night after night, it mounts up and leaves its mark, not only on our faces but on our spirits as well.

The consistently tired woman is never very happy. Haven't you sometimes noticed that everything seems wrong, that your spirits have reached a new low, and yet you can't put your finger on any one thing that is causing such worry? When those dark moments come, stop and check up on your physical condition. How much sleep have you had in the last week? How regular have your habits been? There you will usually find the root of your trouble.

A tired woman never looks her best. When you look in the mirror and are suddenly startled by that ravaged look, there is no use opening your cosmetic closet and expecting to repair the damages of too much wear and tear with creams and powders and lotions. They do help, of course, but only superficially. You've got to work from the inside out to be truly radiant. No amount of mascara can put the sparkle back in eyes that feel like two burned holes in a blanket. Lack of sleep, for some reason or other, makes the skin feel dry and rough. A good cream will help but you can't expect it to do the whole job. Tired skin and tired eyes are an invitation to premature wrinkling.

The human body, like man-made machines, can only be driven so far. Then, lacking the proper attention, it breaks down. You lose your appetite; you feel like a martyr; your nerves are on the ragged side, and you are altogether unpleasant to be with. If you continue at this pace, you will not only lose your good disposition but your looks and health as well.

Exhaustion is not so much a matter of over-work as it is lack of systematized rest. Learn to relax. If possible, spend twenty-four hours in bed. You needn't sleep the entire time. Read a good book. Listen to the radio. But rest. A good rest will take years off your face and do much to brighten your outlook on life.

If you are a working girl and can't arrange to give over a whole day to complete relaxation, don't despair. Try going to bed right after dinner. Take a hot bath, a bit of light reading, and crawl between the sheets a couple of hours before your accustomed time. Make it up for a week. You will be amazed and delighted with the results. You'll find your job isn't so bad after all, that people as a whole are quite nice, and, taken all in all, that life is a rather glorious experience.

What are your beauty problems? Write Marie Downing, Larieuse Beauty Foundation, Room 607—711 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo., and she will be glad to answer them. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ellisville Matron

Visitors

Mr. Charlie Hearn and wife and sisters of the former, visited the H. B. A. office this week. The oldest sister of the former was on her way home in Gary, Indiana.

Mr. Bryant Crawford, son of Mrs. Jessie Hall, is now a sergeant at Camp Shelby. Mr. Crawford is visiting his mother and sister, Miss Mildred Crawford, this week. Mr. Crawford has spent a year or more at Fort Braggs, N. C.

Mrs. E. F Young Jr.
Beauty Instructor

Harris High Lights

TheHarris High Light gotten out under the auspices of the Harris High School, made its first appearance this week.The officers are: Editor-in-chief, Lola Sterdivant; Assistant Editor, Maggie J. Young; Managing Editor, Leo Hinton; Assistant Managing Editor, Charles Willis; Society Editor, Maud A. Kidd; Sports Editor, Inman King; Circulation Manager, Adolphus Beale; Advertising Manager, Cleo Johnson.

Miss Mildred Raynor, sponsor. We wish to congratulate the classes together with the sponsor, for this beautiful 12 page (including outside covers) magazine on its first appearance.

TRUTH VISIONS

by ABBE WALLACE

Note:—YOUR QUESTION WILL BE ANSWERED "FREE" IN THIS COLUMN. For a "Private Reply" . . . Send only 25c for my new ASTROLOGY READING & LUCKY DAY CHART and receive by return mail a confidential letter of *Free Advice* analyzing three (3) Questions privately. Sign your full name, address, and birthdate on all letters, and please include a self-addressed, *stamped* envelope for your reply. *Send all letters to:* ABBE WALLACE, P. O. BOX 11, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Regardless of race, creed or color, we all eat. President Roosevelt's administration was seemingly the first to recognize that fact and, as a result, the soup-lines and near riots of 3 years ago have been replaced by scenes like this (above) in which students enjoy a day's outing at Pelham Bay Park. "Out-of-School" activity is an important part of WPA's work.

WEEKEND money savers

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REVELATIONS IN NEGRO HISTORY OBSERVANCE

Meeting Of Youth Blast Jim-Crow

Town Meeting Of American Youth Con. Blasts Discrimination

TOWN MEETING OF YOUTH BLASTS DISCRIMINATION

For one who'e weekend the nation's Capitol rang with the cry "Old Jim Crow Has Gotta Go" as over 5,000 young people from every part of the country met in Washington, D.C. on February 7, 8th and 9th for the American Youth Congress Town Meeting of Youth.

From the preparatory stages of the meeting, when committee after committee visited high officials of the District to demand that hotels and restaurants stop discrimination against Negro delegates, to the final picketing of the War Department in protest against Jim-Crow and discrimination in the defense program, the Town Meeting conducted a campaign for Negro rights that commanded the attention of everyone from the smallest restaurant owner, to Secretary of War Stimson.

DELEGATION SEES GENERAL MARSHALL

On the very first day of the meeting, a delegation of 18 young people from 7 states walked into the office of the Chief of Staff of the United States Army and asked to see him.

"Do you have an appointment?", the General's secretary asked.

"No, but we in the American Youth Congress represent more than five million young people and we must see Marshall."

General Marshall spent over an hour with them.

The young people in the delegation led by Edward Strong of the Southern Negro Youth Congress, and Jean Horle Secretary of the New York Youth Congress questioned General Marshall about Jim Crow in the Army.

They pointed out that Negroes were being refused in the Air Corps.

They charged that Negroes were denied equal opportunities of promotion and that out of a total of 100,000 officers only 250 were Negroes.

They termed "shocking" the fact that companies such as Glenn Martin of Baltimore, which refuses to hire Negroes, have been awarded tremendous army contracts.

They claimed that "Jim crow companies in the Army are a travesty on democracy."

MARSHALL DEFENDS JIM- CROW

Reporting on the results of the interview, Miss Horle said that the Chief of staff gave the delegation to believe that he agreed with the intire jim-crow program in the army and thought it "sound".

The American Youth Congress, dedicated to a program of no discrimination of equal opportunities for young people of all races, color and creeds, refused to accept General Marshall's attitude without futher protest.

PICKET WAR DEPARTMENT

On Monday February 10, a hundred Negro and white young people picketed the War Department with signs saying "End Jim-Crow in the Army", "Segregation Disgraces Our Nation."

Workers in all the surrounding gov-

Reading from left to right, top: Walter White, Mary McLeod Bethune, and Dr. F. D. Patterson. Bottom row: left to right: Dr. Channing H. Tobias and Dr. M. O. Bousfield. These are writing pages in the chapters of Negro History.

BORN in Florence, Alabama, son of a Methodist minister, he turned early to "worldly" music. Music never paid, and his strong time earned money on the levee and the cotton fields.

But his ears were always open to music, and the tunes of the negro workers took form in his mind on a grander scale, and he began composing. Twenty-five years ago, he sat on a bale of cotton on a Mississippi bank and with a stub of pencil wrote on a cigar box the melody which has earned him undying fame. He published the music himself, and after a hard struggle sold a hundred thousand copies. Phonograph companies did not attempt to record the song, thinking it would die. He wrote among other hit numbers, "Memphis Blues" and "Beale Street Blues."

He enjoys a dual membership in the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, as a composer and as a publisher.

His name is William Christopher Handy.

(Music Features & Photo Syndicate)

Summary, Last Weeks Research In Negro History

BRIGHT STARS SINCE THE STARS FELL

By ROBERT K. SMITH

This celebration of Negro History Week, which originated by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, pioneer in Negro History is accomplishing its aim and purpose.

This research done each year during this particular week, reveals to students, to America and to the world, the Negro's contributions to civilizations through the centuries. Summarizing the whole idea concerning the Negro and his plight with respect to the following paragraphs—I would phrase it thusly—"These are the bright stars since the stars fell"—there are others that shine which Negro History only, in its continued research shall bring out.

SUMMARY OF NEGROES OF THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE

Discovries by scientists reveal that Negroes were known to Asia, Europe and the Mediterranean world.

There were so many Negroes in Spain at one time that they were authorized to provide their own local self-government:

1. Juan de Valladolid was made mayor of Seville.

2. Andres de Claramonte, a 17-century Spanish dramatist, wrote a play, "El Valiante Negro en Flames," to show the fine qualities of the race.

3. Juan Latino of Granada became a Latin and Greek teacher during the 17th century.

4. Sebastian Comez excelled as did his master the great art teacher, Murillo, in harmony of color, freedom of touch, and knowledge of light and shade. He died during the year 1589 or 1590.

5. Toussaint L'Ouverture, a contemporary of Napoleon, led a revolution in Haiti for freedom of minority groups.

6. Abram Hannibal, was educated in France as an engineer and later figured in the westernizing of Russia.

7. The Chevalier De Saint Georges was born in the year, 1745, and brought to France quite young. He became a

MARIAN ANDERSON

as a technician of the violin.

8. Alexander Dumas, a Negro of the early 19th century, is best known by his historical romantic dramas, "Henry III," "Christine", and "Anthony".

9. Alexander Pushkin, a Negro of the 19th century of Russia, is best remembered as a poet, novelist, and playwright.

RACE CONTRIBUTION AS EXPLORERS

A Hampton Institute Summary of Race Explorers has this to say— Negroes did not first come to America as slaves in 1619, but as explorers, colonizers, and indentured servants a 100 years earlier. Ancient manuscripts mention:

1. Alonzo Pietro, pilot of the ship "Nina" of the fleet of Columbus when he discovered America.

2. Nuflo de Olano accompanied Balboa on his expedition and discovery of the Pacific Ocean.

3. Estevanico accompanied Narvaez on his ill-fated exploration of the territory now forming New Mexico and Arizona.

4. Negro artisans were with Menedes when he founded St. Augustine in 1565.

Tippo Tib, a Negro, was the first soldier in the French Revolution as well as a civilized man to discover the interior of Africa.

Jean Baptiste de Saible laid the foundation for the city of Chicago in 1779.

Matthew Henson was with Peary' expedition in 1909. He was the first of a party of six to discover the North Pole.

FIRST SURGEON TO OPERATE ON HUMAN HEART WAS NEGRO

Dr. Daniel Williams was the first surgeon in the world to successfully operate upon the human heart. He was chosen from among all surgeons of America as one of the charter members of the American College of Surgeons, organized in Chicago in 1913.

Dr. George W. Carver, a chemist of world fame at Tuskegee Institute, Ala., has extracted hundreds of different

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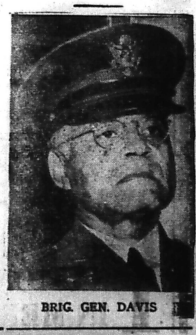

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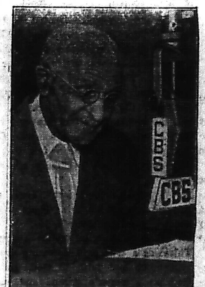

DR. GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER, famous agriculture scientist, as he appeared on the Strange As It Seems program over the nationwide CBS network recently. Dr. Carver was interviewed by Alois Havrilla, master-of-ceremonies for the program, after a dramatization of his remarkable life. Heard also on the same program were Canada Lee, who followed Rex Ingram as the lead in "Haiti," and starred in Orson Welles' Harlem version of Macbeth, and Bill Attaway, last seen in the road company of "You Can't Take It With You."

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Cut Out The Alibis

By Dr. Charles Stelzle

It's easy enough to prove an "alibi" when the job should have been done, but alibis never get you anywhere—they're generally framed up to prove that you "weren't there". When the rel is called, they won't ask you where you DIDN'T go, and what you DIDN'T do, but what did you "get across."

One and one don't make two—when you try to add things that aren't equal. The belief that it does is responsible for much of the trouble in the world today. No two men ever exactly equals any other man—we're all different in ability and character—but some people want to put us all in the same mold and treat us all alike and make us all live and work in the same way. They don't allow for individuality.

Perhaps you are doing this to yourself. Maybe you are using an "alibi" because you are failing to make good on a job which isn't your kind of a job. And this goes for all men—regardless of their race, creed, or color. You can't expect to make good, if you haven't got what it takes. Find out what you can do best—and then go do it.

It's usually in the little things that most men fall down—in the day by day tests of character. Whether you can get on with others, and give credit to whom it belongs, and speak in an even tone when there's provocation to shout in anger, and whether you are giving to others what you expect of them—an absolutely square deal—these are some of the things that show what kind of a man you are. And when you do this, you can look every man in the face, without apology, and without using an alibi in an attempt to get by.

faith always.

Town Meeting

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ernment buildings lined the streets to watch the picket line during their lunch hour.

So effective was the picket line, that the Secretary of War watching it out of his window, finally decided to come out and speak to a group of the picketers.

STIMSON SEES PICKETERS

Standing in the lobby of the War Department Building, Secretary Stimson said that he was the first Secretary of War to appoint a Negro Brigadier General and a Negro civilian aide to the Secretary of War. He said that he was planning the organization of a pursuit squadron to be composed of Negro personnel.

Marie Reed, a member of the Youth Congress staff, and Chairman of the Committee on Discrimination which functioned throughout the Town Meeting commented later:

"We were happy that the American Youth Congress was able through its actions to bring these problems to the attention of the Secretary of War. We are glad to have his assurances that he is concerned with the rights of Negroes in the defense program. But we fail to see how the appointment of one Brigadier General or civilian aide, or the establishment of a Negro squadorn changes the picture very much. That picture is still one of unequal opportunity, discrimination and Jim-Crow and the Youth Congress will continue to fight against these un-American practices."

OPPOSE LEASE-LEND BILL

Over six hundred young Negroes from every part of the country participated in the Town Meeting together with thousands of other young people and joined in urging the defeat of the lease-lend bill.

"Don't lease or lend our lives," was the keynote of this Youth Congress meeting, and all through the weekend delegates swarmed up to Capitol Hill to tell their Senators and Representatives the young people demanded that the United States stop the drive towards war.

An "Open Hearing" on the lease-lend bill, at which people whom the House and Senate Committee on Foreign Relations had refused to hear, offered testimony against the bill ,opened the Town Meeting. Thelma Dale, Chairman of the Washington Negro Youth Federation, greeted the delegates on behalf of Washington's Youth and acted as Chairman.

URGE UNITY OF YOUTH

Jack McMichael, tall, lanky theological student from Georgia, Chairman of the American Youth Congress, called for the unity of all youth in defense of America's peace, an devil liberties.

John P. Davis ,Secretary of the National Negro Congress said, "Of all the people in America who has most to lose by our treacherous foreign policy, non have more and few have as much as my people, and therefore, it is my duty to tell you that the Negro people are opposed to involvement in this war."

DISCUSS CIVIL RIGHTS

On th next day, the young people, in traditional Town Meeting fashion discussed the questions of civl rights, the poll tax, the anti-lynch bill. They told of their experiences in the fight for the protection of trade union standards, for equal rights for all to work, for jobs for all of America's young people.

Leonard Troutman, Chairman of the NAACP Youth Council of Detroit, presided at the session on jobs. Merle Cook, Negro Chairman of the Pittsburgh Youth Council held the gavel during the discussion of the welfare of conscripts.

On Saturday evening the more than five thousand young people marched through the center of Washington in a torchlight parade to the Washington Monument where they heard Congressman Vito Marcantonio tell them that the war in Europe was "a war of empire, not a war for democracy."

PROPOSE LOCAL TOWN MEETINGS

The Town Meetings of Youth was the largest and most representative gathering ever sponsored by the American Youth Congress.

Speaking at the closing session of the Town Meeting, Joseph Cadden, Executive Secretary of the Youth Congress proposed that young people in every community hold local Town Meetings to discuss their community problems.

"America's youth," he said "have rejected a program of war and dictatorship. They have, as never before in history, given concrete evidence that they will fight to the end for the peace and edmocracy they are determined to achieve."

Sunday School Lesson

FEBRUARY 23, 1941

By Rev. Charles C. Walker
Pastor of The First Congregational Church, Meridian

JESUS CALLS TO PRAYER

LUKE 18:1-14

GOLDEN TEXT— Lord, teach us to pray —Luke 11:1.

Subject Approval—

There is no more interesting topic in the world than prayer, and it is at no better time apropos than now. As we approach such a topic someone may ask "Why pray at all?" "What do we hope to attain thrpugh prayer?" asks another. Still another suggests "If God is all-wise, infinitely good and omnipotent, does he not know far better than we could possibly do, what is best for us? Do we for one moment, hope to change the mind of God?" Such queries all bring around the fact that God himself has commanded us to pray importunately. All of us who are familiar with the scriptures know that He gives answer to prayer. Rom. 4:2 tells us that "Ye have not, because you ask not" while Philippians 4:6-7 tells us to "be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God." It must be evident that God loves to hear us depend upon Him via prayer. It certainly has a sanctifying influence upon our own lives. Then too, as we receive from Him via prayer that is our definite answer that we are serving the living God.

VERSE BY VERSE

Luke 18:1. "Men ought always to pray, not to faint." The idea here is an order contrary to Jewish custom. The rabbis taught that 3 prayers a day was enough Here Jesus tell's men that "to pray without ceasing" (of Paul) God's delays are not denials. If we are delayed in our answers we are not to give way to discouragement but to pray having

2. "A judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man." This is to denote the judge's fearlessness.

3. "A widow—came—saying, avenge me of my adversary." The widow deserved special consideration.

4. "He would not etc." The judge turned a deaf ear to her, however, she continued to plead.

5. "The widow troubleth me." Because of her persistency the judge finally decided to hear her case. By her "continual coming" she wore down his resistence.

6. "Hear what the unjust judge saith" The Judge finally spoke.

7. "Shall not the God avenge—though he bear long with them?" If an unjust judge would participate as the judge, surely he could undertake at least to hear the prayers of his saints.

8. "He will avenge them speedily" When the hour arriveth, God will deal with the enemies of his people and deliver the afflicted ones. "When the Son of Man cometh" purely eschatological.

9. "Certain one which trusted in themselves." These were the SELF-RIGHTEOUS legalists who prided themselves on their obedience to the letter of the law. They looked with contempt upon those who did not do as they.

10. "Into the temple to pray". This was the ordinary place of prayer for all. The Pharisee felt that he was God's elect while the publican felt that HE was outside God's periphery of knowledge.

12. "I give tithes—I fast." Jesus commanded men to do this. There was no special merit in this.

13. "God be merciful to me a sinner." This was a true cry expressing genuine repentance and faith in God. He met God on a sinner's ground and sought protection.

14. "This man went down to his house justified." God acknowledged the publican's change and declared him righteous.

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BEAUTY and ROMANCE
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The change of seasons is Nature's way of "taking off the old and putting on the new." Four times a year, she starts again to bedeck herself for the coming months.

This is her cue to the beauty-minded to check up, to review their make-up practices. It is Nature's suggestion to her subjects to follow in her footsteps.

The cold winter days are yet to come but it is not too soon to plan for protection. Take an inventory of yourself and decide how to keep your beauty through the difficult days ahead.

COMPLEXION

Chapping, or drying of the skin, is not only unnecessary but truly inexcusable. The first rule to remember in cleansing the face is to wash it with a mild soap, well-lathered, using luke-warm water. Make it a point to dry your face thoroughly. Pat it dry with a soft towel. Rubbing has an irritating effect on most complexions and lets chapping rather than protects against it. Follow with an astringent (be sure to use astringent whose content of alcohol is small), a powder base and then apply your make-up.

MAKE-UP

Speaking of make-up, it is wise to adopt a completely new tone of cosmetics to harmonize with the deep shades now popular. Try powder with a "light" tone to bring out the high-lights of your complexion as needed on gray days. Freshen up your make-up generally and see how quickly your spirits pick up.

HANDS

Did you know that your hands feel "twice" the story of you? Look at them closely and read the story they tell you. If you have given them little more than cursory attention, don't expect them to describe you in very complimentary terms. Probably you have let them get ragged. It is so easy to be lily-white and careless. If you have continued to care for them every day, then lucky you do not need to worry now. If you have been careless and neglected to keep your hands soft and smooth, start now to make up for lost time. Be sure to dry your hands well after each washing and pat into the flesh a good lotion. You'll be glad when your hands defy weathering and look lovely, as you want them.

FIGURE

For those who are inclined to find fault with their figures, this is the opportune time to determine what is wrong (this is the easiest part of the entire procedure) and how to overcome it (and this is simple or difficult, depending on your method and approach to the problem). A frank inspection in a full length mirror will probably amaze you. Once you've recognised your failings, you have won half the battle. If you find it difficult to analyse your figure, use the rule of the wrist given below:

Chest should be 5½ times the wrist.
Waist should be 4½ times the wrist.
Hips should be 6 times the wrist.
Thigh should be 3½ times the wrist.
Knee should be 2½ times the wrist.
Calf should be 2½ times the wrist.
Ankle should be 1¼ times the wrist.

Make a notation of the results of your examination and, if you are dissatisfied with YOU, get to work immediately to remedy the faults.

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Stevenson School News

Stevenson School:— Toomsuba, Miss.:— February 18, 1941. The Popularity Contest between the three girls; Louise Naylor, Annie Kate Hayden and Arneater Ott, closed February 14 with great success. Everyone seemed to have been sorry of the closing day because of such a lovely time being had during their parties. The winner was Miss Louise Naylor. The amounts raised were as follows: Annie Kate Hayden $15.96; Arneater Ott $21.03; and Louise Naylor $21.21 making a total of $58.20 Three cakes were given away to the ones who had lucky numbers. Other prizes will be awarded to each contestant on February 28, which will be the crowning day of Miss Stevenson and also the close of the P.T.A. Committee Contest: Everyone is asked to be present on that day and night.

Arneater Ott, Reporter,
L. M. McCarthy, Adv.

Club

The Willing Worker's Club and the Woman's Missionary Society of Newell Chapel CME Church sponsored a pre-Valentine party Wednesday night Feb 12, in the basement of the church. The basement was beautifully decorated carrying out the colors of Valentine's Day. Interesting and enjoyable Valentine games were played conducted by Mrs. E. F. Young, Jr. A very nice sum of money was raised, after which everyone was served with delicious Strawberry Jello, topped with Ice Cream, and cookies. Everyone was reported as having enjoyed a very lovely evening.

Miss Mary Frances Powe, Reporter

Sunday School D ve Terminates

SUNDAY SCHOOL DRIVE

Sunday morning, February 16th, marked the close of a Sunday School Drive sponsored by Rose Hill Sunday School. The School had on a drive for Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi. Mrs. W P C Taylor was crowned "Miss Rust" having raised the highest amount of money.

March Boards

DESCRIPTION OF BOARD TO MEET IN LAUREL

This comes to inform all concerned that the Board will be held with Lodge No. 92, March 5th, at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church on Highway No. 11, Meridian Avenue. It is the first white church coming from Meridian.

G. B. Arrington, President
Helen Turner, Secretary

NOTICE

NOTICE TO H. B. A. PRESIDENTS ATTENDING BOARDS

In view of the fact that we are holding only three Boards this Quarter, our Boards will be heavy. This will neccessitate opening the Boards earlier. We want to kindly ask each president to do his best to be on the grounds at 9:00 o'clock. We want to open not later than 9:30.

Our death list is heavy for this quarter. We want to begin business early enough to attend to all of our business on scheduled time.

NOTICE TO H. B. A. PRESIDENTS

NOTICE TO PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE H B A
Dear Co-Workers:

In last week's issue we carried a notice with reference to the Boards collection for March. The amount to be collected is $1.35. It is going to be urgently necessary that the presidents do their best to make sound reports.

As you will note, the Boards are a month off and we have a large number of deaths already. As we go to press, we have 23 deaths and we are unable to tell how many we will have by March first. If we do not make a strong pull in our collections we will not be able to pay as much as we would like to pay. The Boards closed a little better than a month and ten days ago and we have another month to run. Flu and other sickness has caused our death rates to run up, therefore, if we expect to hold our own we must make a nice collection in March. The dead folk are ours and let us stand by them. We have a right to at any cost. We cannot afford to throw up because they have died; we cannot afford to complain because they have died. We should be thankful that we have been spared among the living to help pay off the dead. I prefer many times to pay $1.35 on somebody else than for somebody to pay $1.35 on me.

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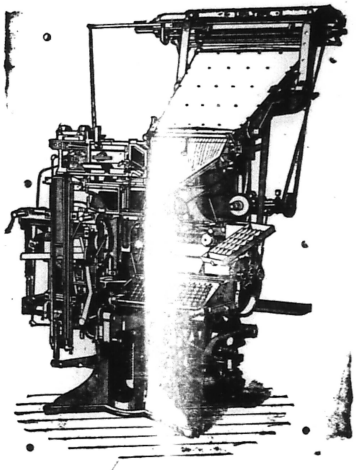

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ROBERT E. SMITH, Mgr.

STATE NEWS

Brooklyn—Dear Presidents and Members: Have you ever thought about the HBA is the only organized group of colored folk in the State of Mississippi I mean you can put one article in the Echo and talk to about 12,000 people. That is why I like the HBA.

The December Board was held at Brooklyn. It certainly did give us a big send-off among our many white friends. Look, the H.B.A. is just what we make it. Here is what we should do to make the H.B.A. grow—elect a man that will go from lodge to lodge and report each week through the Echo and let us know what each side is doing. Would like to hear from the presidents through the Echo.

J. W. Brown, Reporter

Newton— Bro. Pastor, Visitors and Friends: From the H. B. A Lodge No: 468, Brother Frank Johnson, president, on behalf of Sister Susie Bennett, who became a member of the HBA in 1935 We wish to say that she was a faithful member to her lodge the six years of her membership. She became a member of the Meridian Burial Association 1939

Frank Johnson, President,
Sister Mary Johnson, Secretary.

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R S H— My mother wants me to go off to school in mid term and to a school that I do not want to attend. Tell me if I should go or wait and go to the school of my choice so that I may take the trade I like?

Ans: Talk this problem over with your mother in a sensible manner. Do not continue to fuss with her about it. Let her know that you intend to get a job and go to work this spring and summer so you can help bear your own expenses. If you get down to business with her, she will see your point of view and you can change her quite easily.

B W— I met a boy a few months ago and he has shown quite a bit of interest in me and says he loves me. He should marry this boy as he has asked me to do you think he and I could be happy happy together?

Ans: Both of you are old enough to assume the responsibility of marriage and I don't think you would be making a mistake if you carried out your present plans. There is no question about you caring for one another—and this is mighty important too. I am sure you could be happy.

A M— I want to know what is wrong that may husband and I do not get along well together?

Ans: At the present time you aren't satisfied with your living condition. You don't have enough privacy. Get you a place of your own to live and there won't be so much confusion in the home.

D A B— Please Sir tell me if I am going to be successful leaving my land?

Ans: Yes, and it will prove to your advantage to rent out part of your property. Place an ad in the paper—also put a sign on the property and I feel that in a few months time you will have the opportunity to leave a part of it at a reasonable price.

M D B— Should I stay on with this man I am with or what do you think would be the best thing for me?

Ans: Why torture yourself any longer—you two aren't suited and you have no business together anyway. Don't you think that you had better go back home to your daddy and start over again. You need to search for a husband.

L A M— Is there a possibility of me getting a better job soon? I feel so depressed at times. May I send for my Astrology Reading?

Ans: The job you have isn't very worthwhile and I urge you to look around for something else. Hold to it however until you have made another contact. In the city where you live it shou'dn't be difficult for you to get better work. Yes, you may send for your

Negro History Week

products from the peanut, sweet potato pecan; new type of road from cotton and many useful dyes from the red clay of the South.

Ernest E. Just has made contributions to science in the field of marine biology. He is considered an outstanding authority in his field.

Roscoe C. Brown of the United States Public Health Service his stimulated health education among Negroes through illustrated lectures and group discussion.

NEGRO'S CONTRIBUTION IN LITERATURE AND ART

It was also pointed out in a Hampton Institute Summary that the first conspicuous example of the Negro as a literary treatment in America was the life story of Josiah Henson in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Folk tales and legends about Negroes were collected in the "Uncle Remus" stories by Joel Chandler Harris.

W. E. B. DuBois has done outstanding work in poetry, essay and novels. He has made sociological studies on the Negro.

Alain Locke, Wm. Pickens, Kelly Miller, Charles Wesley, George S. Schuyler and Isaac Fisher may be classed as essayists.

Walter White, Jessie Fauset, Wallace Thurman, and Rudolph Fisher may be classed as novelists.

Jean Toomer, Charles W. Chestnut and Eric Waldron are classified as story writers.

In a group classified as poets are Paul Laurence Dunbar, Phyllis Wheatley, Countee Cullen, Claude McKay Langston Hughes and Sterling A. Brown.

William Stanley Braithwaite was accepted as one of the foremost literary critics.

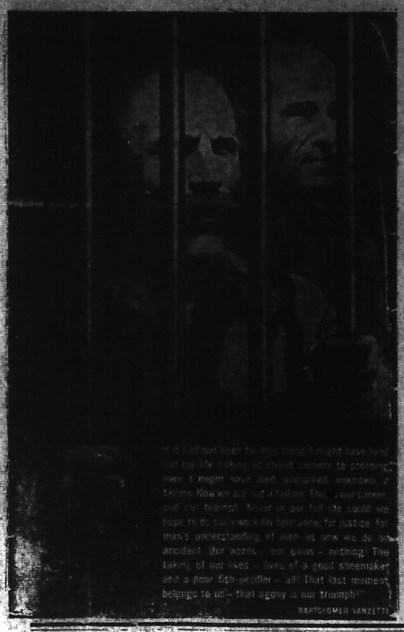
Henry O. Tanner was one of the leading painters of the world. He studied art in Paris and later made Paris his home. He received knighthood in the French Legion of Honor.

Renowned sculptresses are: Edmonia Lewis, Meta Vaux Warrick Fuller, and Augusta Savage.

Oliver Harrington, George Lee, Cornelius Johnson, Wilbur Holloway and William Chase are illustrators and cartoonists.

E. Simms Campbell of St. Louis, Mo. has done illustrations for such leading magazines as the "Saturday Evening Post', 'Life', 'Judge' and 'Esquire'.

(This Summary will be continued next week on Negro contributions brought to light as a result of Negro History Week Celebrations)



"I could not keep from singing when I thought how my darling would be safe and happy, grandly working out and developing her wonderful powers. I thought, when I should be free, I would find employment, a home. Now we are not a family. The law gives me no right to them, no tenderness, no justice for my understanding of them as now we do the accident that works our pains — nothing. The taking of our lives — lives of a good shoemaker and a poor fish-peddler — all that last moment belongs to us — that agony is our triumph!"

BARTOLOMEO VANZETTI

H. B. A. DEATHS

Some of our presidents have reported deaths in their lodges but they have not as yet sent in a death certificate. Please remember that even though the name or names of your deceased members maybe published, we must have the death certificate before said claims will be paid.

The following presidents have reported the following deaths:

1— Angeline Kidd, No. 479, Rev. R B Goten, President, Lawrence

2— Abra Owens, No. 304, Mrs. Ulden Barnes, President, Taylorsville

3— Peter McDonald, No. 174, C L. Hall President, Wiggins

4—Ella McCormick, No. 195 R. McCormick, President, Vossburg

5— Morning Jeffery, No. 467, J W Pigford, President, Laurel

6— Elizabeth Ball, No. 461, T J Young, President, Meridian

7— Taylor Neal, No. 92, C B Arrington, President, Laurel

8— Mary Hearn, No. 203, Levi Hearn, President, Quitman

9— Frank Willis No. 5, B W Willis, President, Meridian

10— Abram McMillion, No. 477, Alex McMillion, President, Rose Hill

11— Alice Flemming, No. 353, Reverend W S Price, President, Brookhaven

12— John Price, No. 141, W C Croft, President, West Enterprise

13— Mary Hinton, No. 378, George Andrews, President, Waynesboro

14— Ellen Lindsey, No. 85, Mrs. Edna Howard, President, Crandall

15— Jane Moore, No. 422, R V Pope, President, Laurel

16— Robert Williams, No. 267, G D Cotton, President, West Enterprise

17— Catherine Sherrod, No. 141, W C Croft, President, West Enterprise

18— Easter Johnson, No. 9, B. W. Willis President, Meridian

19— John Armstrong, No. 326, P. B. Bayless, President, Columbia

20— Norman Harris, No. 190, Wm. Kinsey, President, Waynesboro

21— Melvin May, No. 324, J. W. Pitts President, Mashulaville

22— Nellie Townsend No. 254, James Patrick, President, Hattiesburg

23— Sidney Arnold, No. 260, O. C. Thigpen, President, Laurel

24— Susie Bess, No. 23, Rev. E. B Beckman, President, Beanfield

25— Hannah White No. 399, John E. Cotton, President, Macon, Miss.

26—W. C. Croft, No. 141, W C Croft President, West Enterprise.

27—Harriet Dansy, No. 457, J W Pigford, President, Laurel.

28—Susie Bennett, No. 468, Frank Johnson, President, Newton.

29—E. D. Menyard, No. 185, W T Tate President, Brookville.

30—R. C. Cole, No. 125, F L. Lewis, President, Collinsville.

31—W. R. Donald, No. 235, Jas. White President, Lauderdale

32—Nichols Evans, No. 408, Reverend M. Thomas, President, Forest.

ABOUT FOLK WE KNOW

Mr. Derias Craft of Chunkey was in the office of the Holbrook Benevolent Association on Monday of this week on business.

Mr. Robert Masterew Hardy, who is an enrollee in the CCC Camp, Forest, was a pleasant visitor at his home Sunday.

Mr. Robert K Smith, Manager of the Goodwill Printing Company, returned to his duties Monday after a short illness. The HBA office force was glad to see him back on the job.

A very timely and interesting play was rendered at Rose Hill M. E. Church Sunday evening at 7:30. Reverend W P. C. Taylor is the energetic pastor.

Miss Lorena Sherrod a teacher in the city school system, was a very pleasant visitor at Rose Hill M. E. Church Sunday evening—

Mr. W. T Tate of Brooksville, president of HBA No. 185, has reported the loss of a member, Brother E. D. Menyart, who passed last week—

Mr. Jack Davis and his family were visitors at the program given by Rose Hill ME Church Sunday evening.

Mr. Frank Johnson ,president of HBA No. 468 Newton, was in the office of the Holbrook Benevolent Association Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. G D Cotton of West Enterprise were in the city Tuesday. They also dropped by the office of the Holbrook Benevolent Association to say hello.

The joint program rendered by the Haven-Rust Club and Harris High School Sunday afternoon in the Harris High auditorium was very, very good.

Mr. D B Young, youngest son of Rev. E. F. Young left the city Tuesday for New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Barbee of Memphis, Tennessee, were in the office the latter part on last week.

A large number of Meridianites are planning to leave the city the first of next week for the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. Eunice Lewis, wife of Mr. E H Lewis, is improving nicely from her home at 2001-31st Avenue.

The County teachers held a meeting in the HBA Auditorium Saturday morning with a large attendance.

Reverend C. C. Walker, the popular pastor of the First Congregational Church, has returned to the city after a visit to his home in New Jersey.

TAYLORSVILLE CIRCUIT GOES OVER TOP

Sunday, February 16, a big time was had at Taylorsville CME Church with Reverend W. T. Thomas as pastor. The Presiding Elder, Reverend P. L. Young was also present and added much to the success of the day.

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BIRTH OF A SONG

WAITING FOR THE ROBERT E LEE

By L. Wolfe Gilbert and Lewis F. Muir

From ASCAP Story

By Joseph P. Bigler and Paul Carruth

GILBERT was born Louis Wolf in Odessa, Russia, and adopted his present name years later for theatrical purposes. He was a "name" act in vaudeville for years.

At fourteen he left Philadelphia for New York with actor Thomashefsky's company, but Uncle advised them against action. Gilbert became a copy boy on the New York Post, but the theatre was in his blood.

Playing a burlesque show, he wrote his first song; the pendulum swung him back to newspaper work, and he wrote the first Broadway column for the old New York Clipper.

Caustic criticism of composer Lewis F. Muir brought that irate subscriber to Gilbert's office, but he departed to become a collaborator.

A few days later, they had written "Waiting for Robert E. Lee," but the publishers did not accept it—walking very long. He did

Gilbert left in such a hurry, he forgot his music, and by the time he had returned, the publisher had changed his mind. The song became a great hit.

Over eight hundred published songs were written by Gilbert in the years that followed. Many of them were doubtless reflections

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HAVEN-RUST CLUB TO PRESENT DRAMA MAR. 6

Two H. B. A. Presidents Succumb

Large Number Of Deaths In The H. B.A. Including Two Local HBA PRESIDENTS

The H. B. A. has lost two local presidents but the death list will show that a large number of members have passed off the stage of action.

To the members of the families of these local presidents and members as well, we express our deep and heartfelt sympathy. May God bless and preserve you all.

According to reports sent into the H.B.A. office we lost two HBA presidents Saturday and Sunday, namely Mrs Sophronia Jones, president of H B. A. No 58, Ellisville; Mr. Roy Smith president of lodge No. 355, State Line.

President Sophronia Jones has been indisposed for some time, however, we thought that she was recovering Mrs. Jones has been among our local presidents for a number of years. She was one who stood with the Association duing that crucial period during 1922 and 1924, at which time, we had a large number of presidents and members who were not able to decide within themselves that they would stay with the H. B. A. This was not true with Mrs. Jones—Not one time has she weaken as a president or member of the HBA. She was numbered among three other women who stood fast in that crucial period. Those who stood with Sister Jones at that time were Mrs. Ella Morrell, Mrs. (Clem) Josephine Brown and Mrs. Bettie Faulkoner.

It was a shock when the information came to us over long distance telephone from President Wm. Kinslow that Bro Roy Smith of State Line passed suddenly. Brother Smith, though not as old as Sister Jones in the H.B.A., was another strong force in the Association He has held the fort at State Line since the passing of President E. D. Burley Roy Smith's place will be hard to fill in this particular lodge, and we are hoping and trusting that the members of lodge No. 355 will think and look well when they get ready to make a selection of some one to head this lodge

SUCCUMBS

This comes to inform the many readers of the Weekly Echo that lodge No. 235 has lost one of its faithful members in the person of Warner Donald. He departed this life on February 18, 1941 He was a member of St, John Baptist Church and has been a member of the church for about 52 years. Brother Donald lived a true christian life until his death. He was secretary of the above named church until a few months ago, when his physical condition forced him to resign. He was also Supt. of the Sunday School of the same church for 14 years. He resigned a few years because his health would not allow him to serve any longer. He was also vice-president of lodge No. 235 for nine years.

Brother Donald leaves to mourn his passing a wife, one sister, 8 sons and two daughters.

Sister Annie White, Reporter

MR. ROY SMITH SUCCUMBS

Old Citizen asses

MERIDIANITE PASSES

Mr. John Brown of Meridian passed Saturday in the insane hospital in Whitfield, where he was an inmate. Mr Brown's wife, Mrs Sallie Brown, preceded him to the grave some years ago

Funeral services were held Sunday February 23 for Mrs. Climmie Gaines cousin of Mr. Bennie Rush.

About Folk We Know—

Mrs. Dollie Hardy of the Rose Hill Community left the city Sunday night before day for the Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Negro Contributions Summary Continued Finale

In Negro History

By ROBERT K. SMITH

This is the finale of the summary of Negroes that did shine and is shining in the "American way of life" and in the face of adverse circumstances.

THE PATENT OFFICE RECORDS OVER 1500 INVENTIONS BY NEGROES

It has been established, as a fact, that there are in the United States Patent Office a record of 1,500 inventions made by Negroes. This number is only a fraction of those which have been actually assigned to persons of color.

Jan E. Matzeliger, a Negro born in Dutch Guiana in 1852 and living in Lynn, Mass., revolutionized the shoe industry by invention the first shoe lasting machine. Upon the advantage arrived from this machine he established the United Shoe Machinery Company. As a result, the cost of shoes decreased 50 percent and the wages of the operators increased.

Benjamin Banneker invented the first striking clock in America in 1754. He was a noted scientist and mathematician and was appointed on a commission to assist in laying out washington, D. C

Henry Blair of Maryland invented a corn harvester in 1836.

Elijah J. McCoy invented a lubricating cup for machiney in 1872. Fifty inventions are accredited to his skill from 1872 to 1920.

R. B. Spikes of Fresno, California, has more than 28 patents or inventions.

W. B. Purvis of Philadelphia has accumulated much wealth by his inventions of machinery for making paper bags, most of which have been sold to the Union Paper Bag Company of New York.

Charles V. Richey of Washington, D C., invented and patented several devices for registering calls and detecting unauthorized use of the telephone.

Madame C. J. Walker created a new profession for women of her race by invention of beauty culture implements

Virginia Scharschmidt invented a safety window cleaner by which windows may be window cleaner from the inside.

OUR CONTRIBUTION IN FIELD OF MUSIC

The Negro music may be divided into distinct periods. The spiritual is the original American music.

W. C. Handy is credited with being the originator of a new type of music—"Blues". He wrote the famous "St Louis Blues".

William L. Dawson, director of music at Tuskegee Institute, wrote the first American Folk Symphony. This composition has been rendered by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

Marian Anderson, internationally known contralto, has broken down barriers for the Negro race.

Paul Robeson, singer and actor, is considered by authorities to be among the world's foremost baritone singers.

Charles S. Gilpin gained international distinction in drama and opera. He is best known for his outstanding performance in Eugene O'Neill's play, "The Emperor Jones."

Roland Hayes, Abbie Mitchell, Lillian Evanti and Dorothy Maynor are some of the outstanding concert artists of the Negro race.

J. W. Work, Will Marion Cook, R Nathaniel Dett, Harry T. Burleigh, Clarence Cameron White, William Grant Still are among the Negro classic composers.

James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamond Johnson are composers of the Negro National Anthem.

NEGRO IN THE REALM OF SPORTS

In recent years the Negro has found

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Haven-Rust Club To Present Biblical Drama "FOLLOW THOU ME"

"Follow Thou Me", a Biblical drama by Mary S. Hitchcock, also author of "Whatever Ye Sow" will be presented by the Haven-Rust Club, Thursday evening, March 6, at eight o'clock in the Harris High School Auditorium.

"Follow Thou Me" is a gripping human drama, dealing with the adventures of a young scribe who is a follower of the Nazarene in his efforts to remain true to his faith, yet escape the vengeance of the Sandedrin. In the background lurks the shadow of the Crucifiction, soon to yield to the bright dawn of the resurrection.

The play is a strongly appealing drama free from all sectarian bias. It will be an uplifting introduction to the Easter season.

The club extends to the public a cordial invitation to attend this program.

Dr. R. W. Mergerson representative for the Pittsburgh Courier as war correspondant has recently returned from war torn Europe.

LEADERS IN NATION'S MEDICINE

Surveyers Of Higher Education Among Negroes Visits Alcorn

Alcorn, Miss., Feb. 22— Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, Professor of Education, Howard University, and Dr. Lloyd E Blauch, Senior Specialist in the U. S Department of Education, spent Feb. 21 to 22 on the campus of Alcorn A. & M. College making a study of the Institution's educational program. This study is a part of a survey which the government is sponsoring to ascertain what is being done and what needs to be done in institutions of higher learning among Negroes. Alcorn is one of the twenty-five colleges that were selected to represent a cross section of all the Negro institutions of higher learning.

N.F.A. PRESENTS PROGRAM

Alcorn, Miss., Feb. 22— The Alcorn A. & M. College Collegiate Chapter of the N. F. A. presented their New Farmers of America Week Program in Oakland Memorial Chapel during the week Feb. 17-21. Mr. Vernon O. White, Dean of Instruction, Campbell College, spoke at the initial program. Other participants were local.

ROCKERFELLER, III VISITS ALCORN

John D. Rockerfeller, III visited Alcorn A. & M. College on Feb. 16. He was accompanied by Mr. Jackson Davis, Mr. Allridge, Mr. Myers of the General Education Board, New York City, Dr P. H. Eason, State Agent for Negro

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What History Teaches

By Dr. Charles Stelzle

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By Charles Stelzle

Practically everything that is happening to us today happened to others in some form thousands of years ago—according to the archeologists who found the records on clay tablets, baked 5,000 years ago or to the historians who began to write some 2500 years later.

They tell us about sit-down strikes, hours of labor, salary bonuses, collective bargaining, cost of living, old-age pensions, silver standards, crooked politicians, women's rights, and in the Bible itself we have the story of Egypt's 7 years of plenty, and 7 years of depression with "bread lines" and a "food commissioner."

During all of these experiences panaceas were suggested to meet the problems of the times. Some of them worked out, but many failed. It's a strange thing that some deluded leaders are today offering the some old quack remedies that were tried and failed in the days when they had to be written with pointed sticks instead of with typewriters.

But it is still more remarkable that plans and principles which proved to be basically sound are being disregarded today. We have learned that dictatorship and autocracies are not conducive to the freedom and happiness of the whole people; that the character of a nation's greatness is determined by the character of its individual citizens; that no question is ever settled permanently except upon the basis of justice; that right human relationship are more important than the creation of great organizations; that the source of happiness demands not so much upon what we have as it does upon what we are.

These and many other things which history has taught us may be applied to problems facing us today. They may be applied to personal relations, to the labor problem, to national questions and to international affairs. Therefore let's stop looking for short cuts and patent remedies and let's profit by what history taught us thousands of years ago.

Proportion Of Nonwhite Persons In The Total Population Of United States Preliminary 1940

According to preliminary figures, released by the Bureau of the Census the nonwhite population in 1940 totaled 13,455,988. In comparing these figures based on a five percent cross-section of the census returns and subject to correction with those based on the 1930 census returns, an increase of 967,882 is noted for the nonwhite population. In 1930 and 1940 the nonwhite population composed of Negroes, Indians, Japanese Chinese and other nonwhite races, constituted 10.2 percent of this country's total population.

Contrasting th 1940 and 1930 figures for the male and female population of this United States discloses a decrease in the number of males per 100 females for all classes of the population. At the 1940 Census there were 101.1 males to every 100 females, as compared with 102.5 males to every 100 females in 1930. The ratio for the white population was 101.5 males per 100 females in 1940 and 102.9 males per 100 females in 1930. Nonwhite females exceded nonwhite males at both censuses, the ratios being 99.1 males per 100 females in 1930 and 96.9 males per 100 females in 1940. At each of this censuses mentioned, an excess of nonwhite females is noted for each age group up to and including 25-44 years. Males, however, exceeded females in the age groups 45-64 years and 65 year and over.

The predominence of females noted in the nonwhite population has existed in this Negro population, which constituted 95.2 percent of the nonwhite population at the 1940 Census, for 100 years. The excess of females may be cited as one of the causes for the failure of the Negro population to increase at a more rapid rate. A greater parity of sexes possibly would have caused an increase in the number of marriages and resulted in a more rapid increase in the population. Achievement of a decreased mortality rate, especially in the early years of life, for the Negro population, would result in a better equality in the sex ratio. The present disparity results from this much greater mortality of the Negro male and not from an excess of female births.

This median age (the age that divides the population into two equal parts one-half being younger) of the nonwhite population increased from 17.3 in 1890 to 25.2 in 1940. Not since 1890 when the medain age for the white population was 21.8 have the median ages of the two classes of population been more than 4 years apart. At the last census, nonwhite males with a median age of 25.4 years were 4.0 years younger than white males. Nonwhite females, for whom the lowest median age, 25.0 years is reported, were 4.4 years younger than white females.

Data presented in tables 2 and 3 for 1940 and 1930 show a smaller proportion of young persons and a larger proportion of old persons in both classes of the population at the 1940 Census. The nonwhite population under 20 years of age decreased from 42.9 percent to 40.4 percent. The proportion of nonwhite persons 65 years of age and over increased from 3.2 percent to 4.7 percent In the white population persons under 20 years old decreased from 38.3 percent to 33.9 percent, and the population of persons 65 years of age and over increased from 5.7 to 7.0.

Compared with the white population a larger proportion of young nonwhite persons are faced with problems arising out of lack of training, experience and job opportunities. That a larger number of older nonwhite persons are concerned about the opportunities offered to follow productipe pursuits is indicated by the increase (1,771,589 to 2,018,607) in the nonwhite population 45-64 years of age.

MR. ED

Well, I 'spect, you know how yo' can be wishin' de old time to come back by and by, de can give to yo' things what yo' has to have fo' yo' self again. don't yo' Mr. Ed? Well, I was in dat shape w[illegible] be-fo' las, and 'bout time I got t[illegible] I was 'bout decided I was wishin' in vains de Echo comed in wid de picture o' de HBA buildin' on it.

Now, dat picture put me to lookin' and a-thinkin' 'bout de old times show his p'ace in the world of sports.

Joseph Louis Morrow or Joe Louis won the World Heavyweight Championship, June 22, 1937. He is the youngest person to have held such a record.

Jack Johnson was the first Negro holder of the World Heavyweight Championship.

Walter Gordon, who was an outstanding player on the football team at the University of California, is now a coach at that institution.

Ben Johnson was captain of Columbia University track team. In the Randall's Island Meet of the I. C. 4-2, on May 29, 1937, he established the record of being the first winner of three events in one meet in 43 years.

Jesse Owens, a Negro, is the only person who has established three Olympic records in one meet.

Homer Harris was elected captain of the University of Iowa football team for 1937. He is the first Negro to be so honored by a "Big Ten" team.

Frank Grant was the last Negro to participate in organized basketball. He was last with the Harrisburg team of the Pennsylvaina State League in 1890.

NEGROES IN POLITICS

68 towns and villages in the United States are populated and governed by Negroes. They range in population from 14 to 3,000.

P. B. S. Pinchback was Lieutenant Governor of Louisianan during Reconstruction Period.

Hiram Revel's and B. K. Bruce were Senators during the Reconstruction Period. 23 Negroes served in Congress between the years of 1868 and 1875.

Arthur Mitchell is the only Negro member of Congress today. He succeeded DePriest of Chicago, Ill.

William Hastie was appointed Federal Judge by President Roosevelt.

Charles E. Toney, James Watson, and Miss Paige are municipal judges in New York City.

Lester B. Walton is United States minister to Liberia.

Hubert Delany is a member of the New York City Board of Taxation.

I would love to give at this compilation the present Educational and Economic Status of the Negro in the United States, but such information is not yet available.

The above information was gathered from a summary by Hampton Institute and the "Negro Year Book".

I hope that this information, though not replete, will be regarded as valuable and placed among your souvenirs to be added to, by you; as the now undiscovered stars are gradually brought to light through observance of "Negro History Week."

ruff, Mr. Ed. I commenced to seein' if I knowed any o' de folks what was out on de front when de picture was struck. Now, I seed a man wid a stick and I des 'lowed dat was de secretary; and two standin' t'gether talkin' and dey was de president and vice. Dem two ladies was, I 'lowed, de stenographer and dat lady what works in de printin' office, yo' know her don't yo', Mr. Ed?

Now, dat car what dat man is in I 'lowed was dey needs 'round dere. It is droved by dat feller what goes to de post office all right smart. Now, he must o' des brought some o' de women ladies to town, 'lowed. Now dem fellers standin' in de door, I 'lowed, must be dat feller what manages de printin office, and one o' de big shots o' de town, and dat's whats gwine ahead o' dem ladies, too. Now, I enjoy things what makes you think back some times don't yo' Mr. Ed?

Yers truly,
"MR. GREEN."

Negro Contribution

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The cold winter days are yet to come but it is not too soon to plan for protection. Take an inventory of yourself and decide how to keep your beauty through the difficult days ahead.

COMPLEXION

Chapping, or drying of the skin, is not only unnecessary but truly inexcusable. The first rule to remember in cleansing the face is to wash it with a mild soap, well-lathered, using luke-warm water. Make it a point to dry your face thoroughly. Pat it dry with a soft towel. Rubbing has an irritating effect on most complexions and gets chapping rather than protects against it. Follow with an astringent (be sure to use astringent whose content of alcohol is small), a powder base and then apply your make-up.

MAKE-UP

Speaking of make-up, it is wise to adopt a completely new tone of cosmetics to harmonize with the new shades now popular. Try powder with a "right" tone to bring out the high-lights of your complexion so needed on grey days. Lighten up your make-up generally and see how quickly your spirits will pick up.

HANDS

Did you know that your hands can "betray" the story of you? Look at them closely and read the story they tell you. If you have given them more than cursory attention, then you expect them to do. [illegible] you a very complimentary [illegible]. Probably you have let them [illegible] because it is so easy to be indifferent and careless. If you have continued to care for them every day, then lucky you do not need to worry now. If you have been careless and neglected to keep your hands soft and smooth, start now to make up for lost time. Be sure to dry your hands well after each washing and pat into the flesh a good lotion. You'll be glad when your hands defy weathering and look lovely, as you want them.

FIGURE

For those who are inclined to find fault with their figures, this is the opportune time to determine what is wrong (this is the easiest part of the entire procedure) and how to overcome it (and this is simple or difficult, depending on your method and approach to the problem). A frank inspection in a full length mirror will probably amaze you. Once you're recognized your failings, you have won half the battle. If you find it difficult to analyze your figure, use the rule of the wrist given below:

Chest should be 5½ times the wrist.
Waist should be 4¼ times the wrist.
Hips should be 6 times the wrist.
Thigh should be 3½ times the wrist.
Knee should be 2½ times the wrist.
Calf should be 2¼ times the wrist.
Ankle should be 1¾ times the wrist.

Make a notation of the results of your examination and, if you are dissatisfied with YOU, get to work immediately to remedy the faults.

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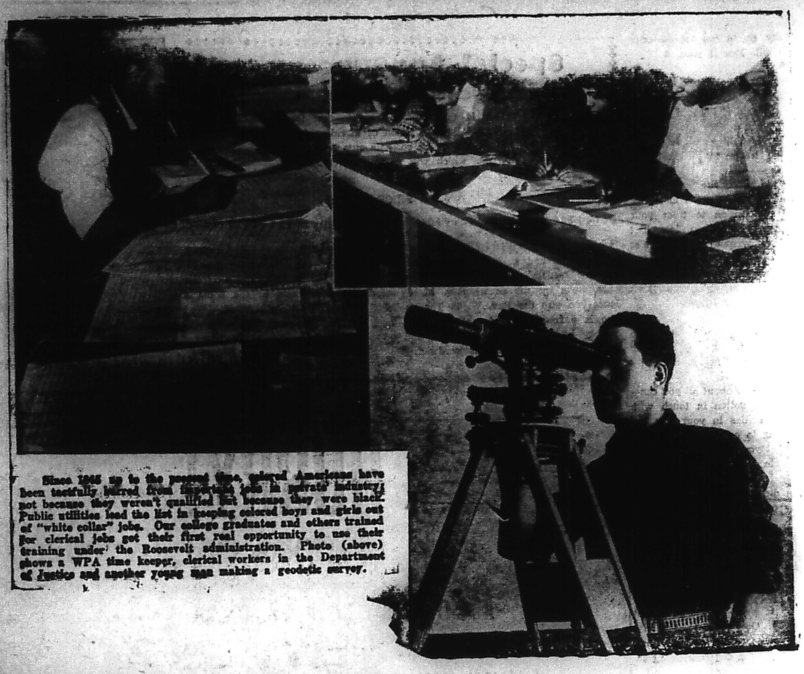

Since 1935 up to the present time, colored Americans have been tastefully barred from government jobs in gratis measure, not because they weren't qualified but because they were black. Public utilities lead the list in keeping colored boys and girls out of "white collar" jobs. Our college graduates and others trained for clerical jobs get their first real opportunity to use their training under the Roosevelt administration. Photo (above) shows a WPA time keeper, clerical workers in the Department of Justice and another negro man making a geodetic survey.

NOTICE TO H. B. A. PRESIDENTS

NOTICE TO PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE H B A
Dear Co-Workers:

In last week's issue we carried a notice with reference to the Boards collection for March. The amount to be collected is $1.35. It is going to be urgently necessary that the presidents do their best to make sound reports

As you will note, the Boards are a month off and we have a large number of deaths already. As we go to press, we have 23 deaths and we are unable to tell how many we will have by March first. If we do not make a strong pull in our collections we will not be able to pay as much as we would like to pay. The Boards closed a little better than a month and ten days ago and we have another month to run. Flu and other sickness has caused our death rates to run up, therefore, if we expect to hold our own we must make a nice collection in March. The dead folk are ours and let us stand by them. We have a right to at any cost. We cannot afford to throw-up because they have died; we cannot afford to complain because they have died. We should be thankful that we have been spared among the living to help pay off the dead. I prefer many times to pay $1.35 on somebody else than for somebody to pay $1.35 on me.

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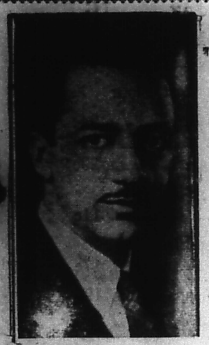

WILLIAM H. HASTIE, Dean of Howard University, appointed Federal Judge by President Roosevelt.

ABOUT FOLK WE KNOW

Miss Hattie Nelson, Miss Lorena Sherrod and some of the students of the West End City School spent Friday in Toomsuba, at Stevenson School in observance of Field's Day.

Mr. Tom Smith who resides on the Asylum eHight lost his home by fire last week. His was able to save some of the contents, however, the house was completely destroyed.

Mr. Edward Buffington of the Buffington Tailoring Company was in the city last week on business.

Dr. and Mrs. L. F Brooks and their daughter, Anna, left the city Monday morning for New Orleans for the Mardi Gras.

Reverend and Mrs. R. L. Young and their family spent Monday, Tuesday and Wedensday in New Orleans, where they attended the Mardi Gras.

The passing of Mr. R. C. Cole, president for a number of years of H.B.A. No. 125, was a great shock. The official staff and the office force extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Miss Mattie L. Larkin, office secretary for the Holbrook Benevolent Association, visited the Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Reverend A. R. Clayton is still confined in Rush's Infirmary where he is suffering from pneumonia. His many friends are praying for his speedy recovery.

Mrs. Carrie Leach of 1404-13th Ave is improvinng nicely after having been attacked with Flu.

Mrs. E. F. Young, Sr. spent the week-end in Jackson, Miss., visiting relatives and friend last week. She reports a lovely trip.

Mrs. Mary Chillis formerly of 2625-23rd Avenue is at her new home on 1327-28th Avenue. She will be glad to have her friends visit her at her new home.

The many, many friends of Mr. Q. M. R. Stennis, will be glad to know he is now improving nicely at his home on the Asylum Heights after a lengthy illness.

A FEW DOTS

H. B. A. No 123 wishes to speak just a word of encouragement to the many readers of the Echo in behalf of its possibilities for the progress of the people.

There is another road to success other than co-operation, and as the HBA and the church are representatives of all the people, why not put agents to get the folk on to success.

More than one hundred dollars at death plus sickness and doctor's expense Say, stay in the road friends and succeed in life, while Here. Serve the Lord, attend the HBA lodge, Sunday School and church and in the end, success will be a Home in Heaven.

A missionary in the field to contact the common public, giving advice, soliciting members from time to time, we feel would not be out of order of progress.

The people need the H.B.A. help and for the HBA's to see that they do, is a call to them to come to their rescue

—Booster.

NOTICE

HBA Board Notice
Dear Editor:

This comes to say that the Board will be held with lodge No. 270, at Antioch M. B. Church, in the southern part of the city, on March 7th, Reverend R W. Woullard, pastor.

A J Barnett, President

March Boards

DESCRIPTION OF BOARD TO MEET IN LAUREL

This comes to inform all concerned that the Board will be held with Lodge No. 92, March 5th, at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church on Highway No. 11. Meridian Avenue. It is the first white church coming from Meridian.

G. B. Arrington, President
Helen Turner, Secretary

NOTICE TO H. B. A. PRESIDENTS ATTENDING BOARDS

In view of the fact that we are holding only three Boards this Quarter, our Boards will be heavy. This will neccessitate opening the Boards earlier. We want to kindly ask each president to do his best to be on the grounds at 9:00 o'clock. We want to open not later than 9:30.

Our death list is heavy for this quarter. We want to begin business early enough to attend to all of our business on scheduled time.

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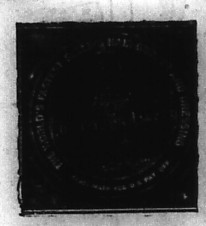

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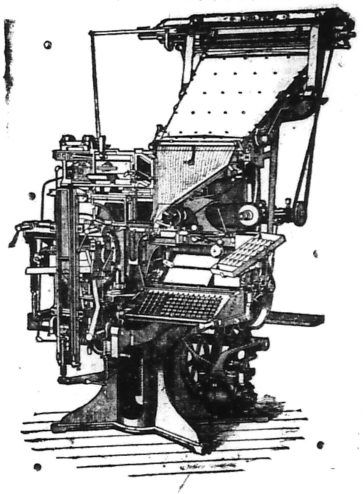

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By ABBE WALLACE

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S M D— Should I cut out from this boy now and get me another boy friend or just string along until I get one? He doesn't feel the way that I do about marriage.

Ans: Just as soon as you can make some other nice friends it would be to your advantage to give this young man up. He likes you, but plainly states that he isn't the marrying type and you are quite right in not wanting to get too thick with him. You will no doubt meet someone else this year who will play an important part in your future.

M L— I had two boarders to leave and there is a woman staying with me now and I want to know if she is the cause? You see, when I sleep I see so many evil things that I don't know what to do.

Ans: Your boarders left to keep from paying up their back board bill—not because the woman who stays there influenced them to any extent. I don't think you need worry about this woman—she likes to live there with you and due to the fact she is paying her board promptly, you should encourage her to stay. Pay not the slightest bit of attention to your dreams.

J A L— I am in trouble and need your help. I takes a drink of whiskey and goes crazy, jump on my wife and beat her up and the next day when I am told about it I don't see how I could do such a thing. Now tell me what to do please?

Ans:—Give up the whiskey entirely. Go to your wife and ask her and the children to return to you. Make an oath that you will never drink again and stick to it. I warn you—she isn't going to give you more than one chance to do right. You have made her promises in the past and broke them—stick to your word this time or make up your mind that she and the children will not live with you anymore.

A S B— I am puzzled a plenty. When I go to entertainments and dances the men come around me and rush me. The girls all say this men intend for me to have a good time. What can I do to keep from being liked? Should I continue to smile and be friendly with people?

Ans: Of course you should. The majority of the people in this world would give half they owned to be popular in a crowd. The men who dance with you do not mean anything wrong — you should feel impressed—you wouldn't like being a wall flower. Do not let this popularity go to you head—once you do—you will lose it sure.

Worried— I wish to go to school every day but I can't on account of my feet. Now one doctor said if I would get him ten dollars he could cure me and my mother thinks Ishould go to the clinic Tell me which treatment to take?

Ans: Go to the clinic like your mother wants you to do. The doctors in charge there are in a position to treat your condition and to help you lots. The other doctor you want to see might also be able to help you but I honestly feel you would be using good judgment to get your treatment at the clinic. Don't neglect your feet any longer.

D F— What must my wife and I do about this man who came by here and fooled us out of our twelve dollars?

Ans: You have done about all you can—that is you have gotten in touch with the Local Authorities in your city and they are trying to catch the party. No doubt but what you will lose the twelve dollars. But in the future—if someone come to our house for such a purpose as this man did—put him out and keep your money out of his sight.

G B— Would it better my condition to leave? I cannot adapt myself to things as they are here?

Ans: Under the circumstances I think it would be to your advantage to get entirely away. Go back to the city where you were located before Xmas You can get your old job back again.

H. B. A. DEATHS

Some of our members have reported deaths in their lodges, but they have not as yet sent in a death certificate. Please remember that even though the name or names of your deceased members have maybe published, we must have the death certificate before said claims will be paid.

The following presidents have reported the following deaths:

2— Angeline Kidd, No. 478, Rev. R B Coten, President, Lawrence

3— Abra Owens, No. 304, Mrs. Uldea Barnes, President, Taylorsville

3— Peter McDonald, No. 174, C L Hall President, Wiggins

4—Ella McCormick, No. 195 R. McCormick, President, Vossburg

5— Morning Jeffery, No. 457, J W Pigford, President, Laurel

6— Elizabeth Bell, No. 481, T J Young, President, Meridian

7— Taylor Neal, No. 32, G B Arrington, President, Laurel

8— Mary Hearn, No. 203, Levi Hearn President, Quitman

9— Frank Willis No. 5, B W Willis President, Meridian

10— Abram McMillion, No. 477, Alex McMillion, President, Rose Hill

11— Alice Flemming, No. 353, Reverend W S Price, President, Brookhaven

12— John Price, No. 141, W C Croft, President, West Enterprise

13— Mary Hinton, No. 376, George Andrews, President, Waynesboro

14— Ellen Lindsey, No. 95, Mrs. Rima Howard, President, Crandall

15— Jane Moore, No. 482, E V Pope, President, Laurel

16— Robert Williams, No. 287, G D Cotton, President, West Enterprise

17— Catherine Sherrod, No. 141, W C Croft, President, West Enterprise

19—Easter Johnson, No. 9, B. W. Willis President, Meridian

19—John Armstrong, No 226, P. B. Bayless, President, Columbia

20—Norman Harris, No. 190, Wm. Kinslow, President, Waynesboro

21— Melvin May, No. 224, J. W. Pitts, President Mashulaville

22— Nellie Townsend No. 254, James Patrick, President, Hattiesburg

23— Sidney Arnold, No. 209, O. C. Thigpen, President, Laurel

24— Susie Bass, No. 23, Rev. E. B Blackman, President, Beasfield

25— Hannah White No. 399, John E. Cotton, President, Macon, Miss.

26—W. C. Croft, No. 141, W C Croft President, West Enterprise.

27—Harriet Dansy, No. 457, J W Pigford, President, Laurel.

28—Susie Bennett, No. 468, Frank Johnson, President, Newton.

28—E. D. Menyard, No. 185, W T Tate, President, Brooksville.

30—R. C. Cole, No. 125, F L. Lewis, President, Collinsville.

31—W. R. Donald, No. 235, Jas. White President, Lauderdale

33—Malinda Evans, No. 468, Reverend M. Thomas, President, Forest.

33— S. P. Jones, No. 58, Mrs. S P Jones President, Ellisville

34— Roy Smith, No. 255, Roy Smith, President, State Line

35— Robert R. Jones, No. 444, Mrs. Lula Buckhalter, President, Collins

ALCORN NEWS

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Schools, and Mr. J. A. Travis, Assistant State Agent, Jackson, Miss. On Feb 10, Mr. W. M. Durr of the State Building Commission and Mr. Hudspeth Free Textbooks Commissioner for Mississippi visited Alcorn.

ELIMINATION CONTEST IS HELD FOR MARCH RHETORICAL

On Thursday night, Feb. 20 an elimination contest was held to determine the participants for the Annual March Rhetorical. The winners were as follows: Dicie D. Brown, freshman, Audrey Spencer, sophomore and William Brazil, junior.

The elimination contest and March Rhetorical are sponsored by the department of English.

Club

The Willing Worker's Club of Newell Chapel Church met Wednesday night February 1', in the home of Mrs. Maggie Brown. And the president, Mrs. Lula Wilson presided over the meeting. Devotional was had in its usual manner and hot chocolate. Everyone reported and the business was attended. Remarks as having a lovely time. The next club were made by the pastor Rev. M. J meeting will be held in the home of Jones and also the Rev. W. T. Thomas Mrs. Mable Hill 3316-34th Avenue, Wedwho is a frequent visitor of the club nesday night February 26th.

A very liberal offering was taken and Mrs. Lula Wilson, President the hostess served delicious sandwiches Mary F. Powe, Reporter.

Special Announcement

FROM THE COLORED BARBERS UNION

This is to notify the public that the Colored Barbers Union of Meridian, has raised the price on hair cuts from 25c to 35c, which will go into effect March 1, 1941 (Local No. 445).

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At fourteen he left Philadelphia for New York with actor Thomashefsky's nephew, but Uncle advised them against acting. Gilbert became a copy boy on the New York Post, but the theatre was in his blood.
Playing a burlesque show, he wrote his first song; the pendulum swung him back to newspaper work, and he wrote the first Broadway column for the old New York Clipper.
Caustic criticism of composer Lewis F. Muir brought that irate subscriber to Gilbert's office, but he departed to become a collaborator.
A few days later, they had written "Waiting For The Robert E. Lee," but the publisher did not keep them waiting very long. He did like the song.
Gilbert left in such a hurry, he forgot his music, and by the time he had returned, the publisher had changed his mind. The song became a great hit.
Over eight hundred published songs were written by Gilbert in the years that followed. Many of these [illegible] for the moment, [illegible]
In the highest rank of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, Gilbert enjoys prestige and payment for the public performance of each of his songs.